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IS THE FUTURE BRIGHT?

Dungeness power station, which was opened in 1965, houses two nuclear reactors - A and B.

The possibility of another reactor at the site has left environmental campaigners fuming as they say there is no storage facility for the nuclear waste produced by the plant.

Tony Juniper, director of Friends of the Earth, said: "New reactors are not the answer to UK energy problems and will do little to tackle climate change. We could meet our energy requirements by investing in cleaner, safer solutions such as renewables, combined heat and power, energy efficiency and the more efficient use of fossil fuels." FOR FULL STORY, TURN TO PAGES 2 AND 11

BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

THE University Centre Folkestone has been opened by Folkestone and Hythe MP Michael Howard.

The £10 million education higher education facility, in the refurbished building of a former glassworks in the centre of the newly-developed Creative Quarter, has already enrolled 97 students since September last year.

"This is a fantastically important moment for Folkestone," said Mr Howard at the opening ceremony on Friday last week.

"With their customary meticulous attention to detail, the organisers have chosen an auspicious day as it is 35 years to the very day that the Open University awarded its first degrees."

Mr Howard paid tribute to Creative Foundation chairman Roger De Haan, saying Folkestone was fortunate to have a man like the former Saga chief as a resident.

"We have the incredible advantage of Roger De Haan's generosity," said Mr Howard.

"We often don't know how lucky we are to have someone like Roger, who is putting up enormous sums of money to make our town one we can all be proud of."

The opening of UCF marks the a key moment in the regeneration of the town, according to Mr De Haan, as it will allow Folkestone to retain students who would have otherwise left Shepway to attend higher education courses.

"So often this community's brightest children have left to go to college and have not returned," said Mr De Haan, whose Creative Foundation has been the driving force in pushing for the creation and development of UCF.

"This has had a damaging effect on the economy of the town.

"The opening of this university centre means an

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Powerful debate sparked by nuclear announcement

THE GOVERNMENT'S announcement that it will be commissioning a new generation of nuclear power stations has met a mixed response in Shepway.

The announcement by business secretary John Hutton on Thursday last week means the chances of a new reactor being built at Dungeness power station have increased greatly.

The British Energy-owned power plant currently houses two nuclear reactors – Dungeness A, which is inactive, and Dungeness B, which is still producing electricity.

The announcement means another reactor could be built at Dungeness by 2020 as it is one of four sites being considered by British Energy as a potential site for a new reactor.

Announcing the plans to the House of Commons, Mr Hutton said the next generation of reactor would help the UK safeguard energy supplies while reducing carbon emissions.

But critics labelled the plans as irresponsible as there are insufficient storage facilities for nuclear waste.

Cllr Lynne Beaumont, leader of Shepway Liberal Democrats, said: "Forty years after the start of the nuclear programme in England we

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are none the wiser as to what to do with the nuclear waste – not just for the next few years, but for the next 40,000 years.

"There are alternatives which offer jobs, stability, and boost the local economy without the threat of disaster and that are much kinder to the local and national environment."

But there is some support for both the expansion of Britain's nuclear industry and for a third reactor at Dungeness.

Necessity

Damian Collins, the Tory prospective candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, said: "If we are going to keep the lights on, we need a new generation of nuclear power stations."

"The alternative could be to rely on unsecure sources of energy from far-away places, or to put all our eggs in the basket of renewable energy that cannot be relied upon to provide us with all the energy we will need."

"I hope Dungeness C will be built to help meet this demand and also to provide hundreds of jobs on the Marsh."

"It is a pity the Liberal Democrats are not prepared to support this seri-



AGAINST: Cllr Lynne Beaumont is concerned about waste issues at a new reactor

ous solution to our long-term energy needs and that Labour has put our future energy supplies at unnecessary risk by delaying this decision for so long," said Mr Collins.

British Energy is expected to announce the site of its planned new reactors in April.

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Centre makes university an option

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end to the brain drain. We believe undergraduates will come to study in the town and that many of them will stay in the community.

"Some will start their own businesses and others will join local firms and be the fuel that makes the economy grow."

The opening of the facility would vastly increase the range of learning opportunities available in Folkestone,

which in turn would provide serious economic benefits to the town, said Mr De Haan.

"Many of the courses offered have been designed to attract either young people who might not have seen university as an option, or adults who are keen to pursue higher education later in life," he said.

One of those students is 26-year-old Clemmy Lewis, who is studying information technology for management and business.

She said: "If UFC wasn't open, I wouldn't be at university as I don't have time to go anywhere else."

"When I have finished my degree I want to open own business for party and event organising – so I am interested in the business side of things."

The University Centre Folkestone has come about as a result of the efforts of Canterbury Christchurch University and the University of Greenwich.



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Airport plan meeting is postponed

Expansion decision delayed by council

THE SHEPWAY District Council meeting to decide whether or not to approve plans to expand Lydd Airport has been postponed.

The decision to postpone the meeting, which was planned for Wednesday, January 30, was taken by SDC chief executive, Alistair Stewart.

"This is one of the biggest planning applications this council has ever had to determine and it is one that has wide-ranging implications," he said.

"It is vital our councillors have all the information they need when making their decision.

"A lot of complex and technical details have to be considered in applications of this scale," said Mr Stewart.

"Having taken counsel's advice I believe we need additional information to ensure we are in a position to give councillors everything they need to make an informed decision, which is why I have decided to reschedule

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the meeting. We will be talking to the applicants about the additional information we need, mainly concerning ecological and noise issues, and will set a date for the re-scheduled meeting as soon as possible.

"I am sure everyone can appreciate the reasons for this decision.

Intention

"I must stress that this is still a live application and our intention for two residents to speak at the meeting, one in support of the plans and one against, which we advertised in the local media, still stands."

Mr Zaher Deir, managing director of London Ashford Airport, said: "We fully understand the chief executive at Shepway District Council's decision to re-schedule this important meeting. We have submitted a large range of technical and specialist data to

comprehensively support the two planning applications and this data needs to be assessed and understood by the council before any decision is made on our applications.

"We appreciate that the two applications are complex and are pleased with the progress made to date.

"Since submission, we have been in discussion with Shepway District Council to ensure they have the relevant information to assist them in coming to a reasoned conclusion.

"We will continue with these discussions so that the committee meeting can be re-scheduled soon," said Mr Deir.

"Our plans to develop and revitalise the airport will bring huge benefits to the community and to the economy of the region and we are committed to working with Shepway District Council to deliver this investment as soon as possible.

"We are confident that a positive determination will be the result of the re-scheduled planning meeting."



WEIGHTY WORDS: RSPB regional director Chris Corrigan presents a petition objecting to the airport expansion at Lydd to Shepway council leader Robert Bliss

Council stumped by missing slab

THE Hawkinge Christmas tree has been taken down, but parish councillors have been left searching for the paving slab that covers the hole for it.

Parish council chairman Cllr David Callahan said the tree had been a great success with the Norway spruce surviving bad weather and remaining un-vandalised, but the slab had been mislaid.

"If anyone knows where it is, can they please let me know, as we've had to place the stump in the hole to stop people falling into it," said Cllr Callahan.

Make every click count for charity

THE ASPINALL FOUNDATION is urging animal lovers to support its bid to win an online charity fundraising challenge.

The charity, which supports and manages Port Lympne and Howletts wild animal parks, has launched its bid to win the Everyclick.com challenge on Monday, January 14.

Everyclick.com is a free search engine which makes a donation to charity each time it is used.

The charity to raise the largest amount of money will win a free national advertising campaign on over 1,500 sites across the UK.

If the Aspinall Foundation wins it would use the advertising to raise awareness of the plight of endangered species and raise support to continue its vital work.

Sarah Tite, fundraising manager at The Aspinall Foundation, said: "This challenge is a fantastic opportunity for people to do something quick and simple which could make a real difference to our work to protect and preserve endangered species."

"This amount of advertising space would normally cost hundreds of thousands of pounds,"

said Sarah. "As a small charity, it would therefore be invaluable in helping us to get the Aspinall Foundation's message across."

The Aspinall Foundation works in the UK and overseas to protect endangered species, such as the black rhino, western lowland gorilla, Barbary lion, red panda and clouded leopard, and return them to their natural habitats.

It operates a captive breeding programme based at Port Lympne and Howletts animal parks, and manages a number of projects across the world.

These include two gorilla rehabilitation and reintroduction projects in west Africa, which have reintroduced over 50 gorillas back into the wild.

The fundraising challenge will take place over a three month period until Monday, April 14.

There are three categories of charity, and the two runners-up will receive free advertising on Everyclick.com.

To sign up for free to make a donation go to www.everyclick.com, for more information about the Aspinall Foundation go to www.totallywild.net.

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Television thief had false vision

SHOPLIFTER Mark Curran thought security would be lax when Folkestone's new Asda store opened its doors in December.

But he got a surprise when he was grabbed trying to brazenly walk out of the store with a TV under his arm.

Unknown to him, plain-clothes police were on the prowl looking for people just like him. They spotted Curran as the store alarms were activated.

As soon as Curran, 37, of Risborough Lane, Folkestone, knew the game was up, he surrendered. He was in breach of a conditional discharge imposed for trying to steal a CCTV system from B&Q branch in the town.

Hugh Roberts, defending, said Curran was addicted to drink and drugs and needed treatment.

Folkestone magistrates adjourned his case for three weeks for probation reports.

Knifeman strikes at post office

POLICE are searching for an armed robber who stole £50 from Shorncliffe post office in Cheriton.

The suspect threatened the cashier with a 10-inch kitchen knife during the robbery which took place at 8.45am on Sunday.

Police searched the surrounding area without finding the suspect.

The man is described as white, between 30 and 40 years old, 5ft 10in tall with a rough moustache.

He was wearing a navy-blue woollen hat and a dark waist-length jacket.

If you recognise the suspect, phone PC Matthew Avery on 01303 850055, or alternatively Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

No further action against councillor

AN ETHICAL standards officer of the Standards Board for England has decided that no further action needs to be taken against Hawkinge councillor Peter Smith.

Cllr Smith had been subject to a complaint alleging he misused his position as a councillor by "allowing others to store items in a disused council building without the council's consent".

The complaint refers to the disused Spitfire Leisuredrome in Aerodrome Road.

The complaint also alleged that Cllr Smith's actions had compromised the council's insurance policy and increased its liability for community charge on the building.

In April 2007, the council discovered items belonging to a commercial company in the Leisuredrome.

Cllr Smith claimed he did not make any arrangements with the company, but the standards officer did not accept this, finding that Cllr Smith had made the arrangements and

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had also been present when the goods were delivered to the Leisuredrome.

The ethical standards officer considered Cllr Smith had failed to comply with the Ethical Standards Code because he used his position improperly for the purpose of securing an advantage for another.

Paragraph 5(a) of the code of conduct states that a member "must not in his official capacity, or any other circumstance, use his position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for himself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage".

However, the standards officer found no evidence that Cllr Smith was paid for his services or for the use of the Leisuredrome and he had



DROPPED: No further action is to be taken against Cllr Peter Smith

not benefited from the arrangement or had "any underhand intent or improper motive".

Because of this, the officer decided that no further action should be taken.

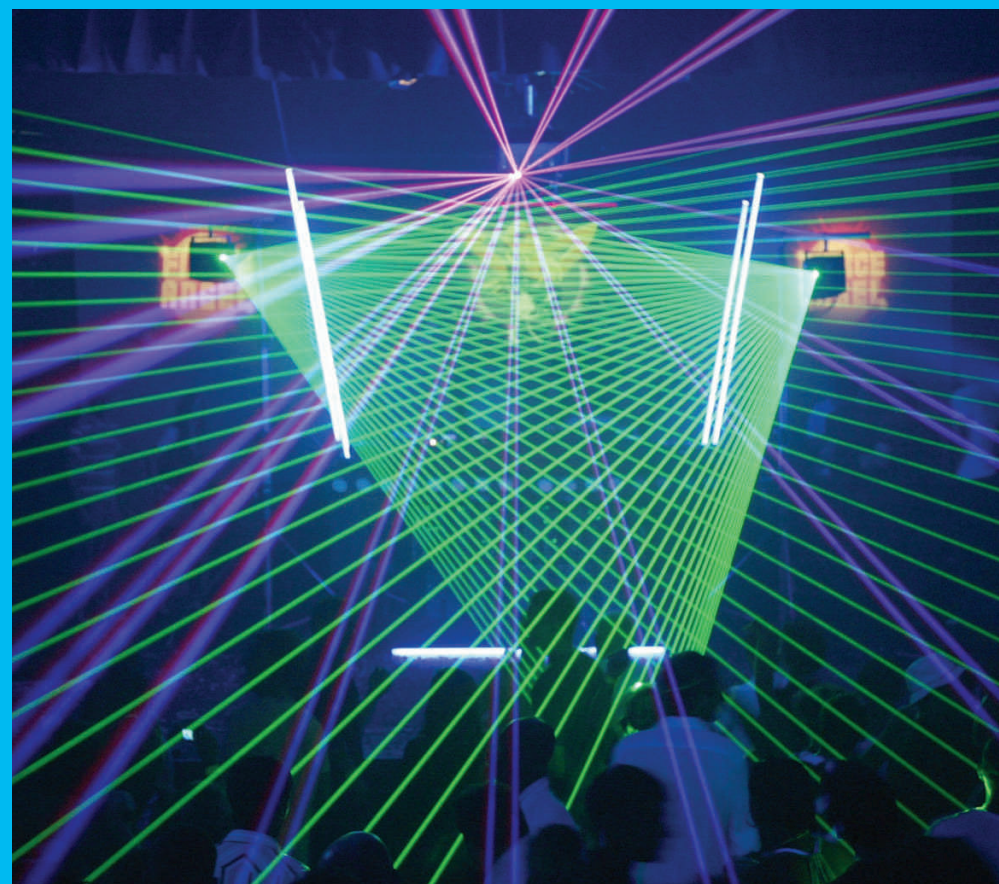
Cllr Smith had continued to look after the building informally and oversaw its security after its closure, the officer found.

Some items related to the building's maintenance and Cllr Smith's own fund-raising activities had been left in the Leisuredrome, as well as items left by community groups which had used the Leisuredrome when it was open.

The ethical standards officer also considered that council members knew "that Cllr Smith's and some community groups' belongings had been in the Leisuredrome for a number of years and had made no adverse comment".

Cllr Smith admitted that he had stored some belongings in the Leisuredrome for a member of the public.

In a statement, Hawkinge Parish Council said: "The parish council accepts the findings of the standards board and will not be taking any further action."



GETTING THE CREAM

The music of superclub Cream will be coming to Folkestone.

Up to 1,500 clubbers are expected to get their groove on to the sound of the world's most wanted DJs.

Cream Ibiza 08 will be at the Leas Cliff Hall on Saturday, March 1, and promises to bring the best tunes to the dance-floor.

Headlining the night will be chart-toppers Freemasons, whose track Uninvited became a club anthem last summer.

DJs Miss Devine, Nick Rafferty and Munich producer Thomas Gold will be laying down the beats for the clubbing faithful and there will be entertainment from One Love and Juzzy V.

There will also be a collection held to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster on 0870 4000 890 or the Leas Cliff Hall on 0844 847 1776, or via www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

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WOOF: Julie Cook is thrilled to be reunited with her pure-breed Saluki, Tobi, who was stolen from the garden

Beware of dog thieves

A DOG OWNER who had her pure-breed Saluki stolen has spoken of her joy at having him returned.

Julie Cook, of Hawkinge, had left her dog Tobi outside Tesco Express in Canterbury Road.

Now, with the return of Tobi, Julie is urging people not to make the same mistake.

"My whole life has changed since this has happened – I take the dogs out for a walk, take them home and then go shopping," said Julie. "I'm warning people about it as well, but they never think it will happen to them."

"If I see a dog tied up outside a shop, I will stand over it until the owner comes out and then I warn them about it. It has become a mission for me now."

She continued: "The message I want to get out to people is: don't leave your dogs outside shops, don't leave them in cars because they will just smash the window to get them out, and don't just leave them in the garden."

"I came out of the post office and saw a little boy who was about seven waiting outside the community hall with a little terrier."

"I said 'Are you waiting for your mum and dad?' and he said 'No, I'm waiting for my sister, she's doing baton practice.'"

"I waited with him until his sister came out. She was a tiny girl of about four, and I walked them home."

"I told their dad what had happened and he just said 'Oh, they'll be fine' – I can't believe the ignorance that is out there."

Julie has no doubt as to why she got her dog back.

"They must have dumped him once they realised he had been neutered and they wouldn't be able to breed from him, and they

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couldn't hunt with him because he doesn't come back when you call him."

Julie describe what happened when she found out Tobi was alive.

"It was New Year's Day. The phone went and it was a guy called Dave from London – he called me and said 'I think I have got your dog'."

"He had found him outside a breakers yard in Erith. He took him home and kept him in the shed because he has other dogs and he wasn't sure how they would react."

Julie had posted Tobi's details on www.doglost.co.uk and Dave soon got in touch.

"They looked after him. I couldn't have had a nicer guy find him and it was purely by chance – if he hadn't seen him, I might have never got Tobi back," said Julie.

"It is amazing – absolutely amazing. I am so lucky to have him back."

"I would like to thank Dave and the Doglost website for getting him back."

According to Jane Hayes of Doglost, more than 100 dogs are reported stolen each week in the county.

"Kent is a hot-spot for this sort of crime as the gangs that steal the dogs use A roads and motorways to make a quick escape up to Dartford, where a lot of these dogs are found."

Jane advises owners not to leave their dogs in the garden, and if they have to let the dog out to go to the toilet then to hang a cowbell on the garden gate.

Owners can also prevent their dogs from being stolen by having them micro-chipped or tattooed, as well as varying the times when they take their dog for a walk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

What do you expect from your fire service?

THE public consultation on the future of Kent Fire and Rescue Service comes to an end on Friday.

The consultation has sparked controversy over its proposals to cut the range of services available in Folkestone, although the fire service has claimed the measures will improve its coverage of the area.

Under the proposals, the number of fire engines in Folkestone would be reduced from three to two and the number of retained fire fighters would be reduced from two full-time crews to one.

The chairman of Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, Bryan Cope, said: "I am urging the people of Kent and Medway to take this opportunity to make their views known on the changes being considered."

"As an excellent-rated organisation, people expect us to continue to improve our service and provide value for money."

The consultation document is available from www.kent.fire-uk.org, or you can email irmp@kent.fire-uk.org or call 01622 692121.

Driver three times over the limit when stopped

LEON ALLDER was three times over the limit when police stopped him on the A260 near Hawkinge... and he had three children in the car with him.

Allder, 31, from Eastry, was stopped in his Golf GTI after police saw his exhaust was faulty as he drove along Sugar Loaf Hill on December 30.

Folkestone magistrates were told a roadside breath test revealed Allder had 110mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath – the limit is 35.

Hugh Roberts, defending, said Allder had drunk two and a half pints of lager and had alcohol earlier in the day.

Magistrates adjourned the case until Thursday, January 31, for probation reports to be prepared.

Coroner rules car crash death a tragic accident

THE death of a young man from Dymchurch who was killed in a car crash was a "tragic accident", a coroner said at an inquest into the circumstances of his death.

Matthew Andrew, 19, was killed on May 3, 2007, when his Peugeot 206 was in collision with an oncoming car on the A259 between St Mary's Bay and New Romney.

Coroner Rachel Redman recorded a verdict of accidental death at Ashford court on Thursday last week.

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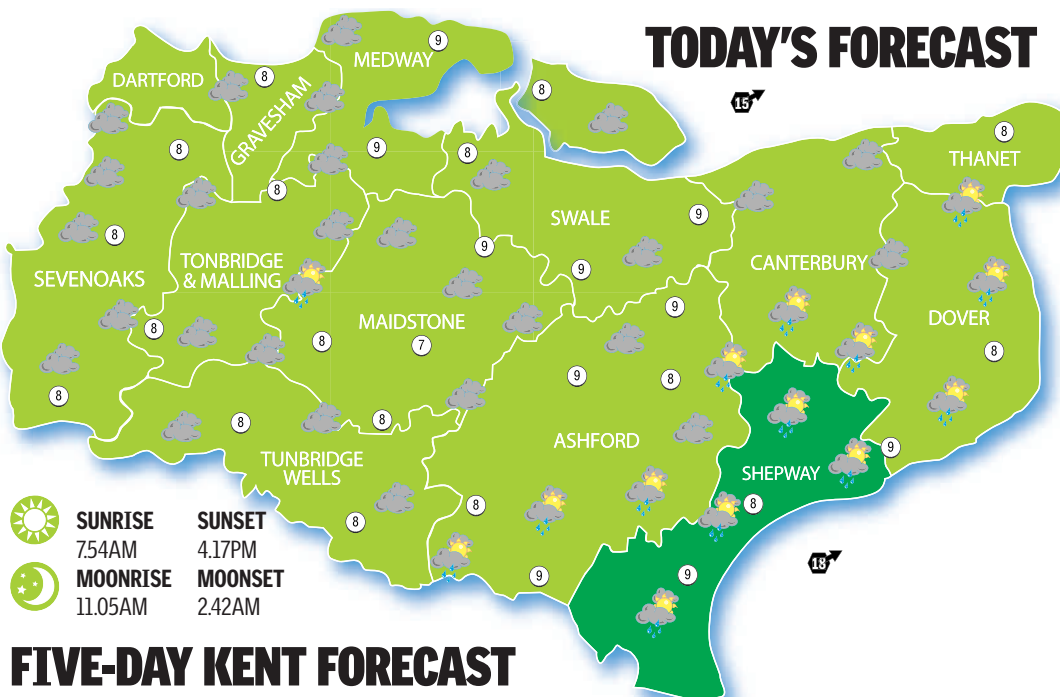
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Dover	Saturday	5:43pm	5.6m
	Sunday	6:14am	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	5:46pm	6.4m
	Sunday	6:18am	6.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:13pm	4.3m
	Sunday	6:44am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:17am	5.2m
	Sunday	7:30am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:17am	4.8m
	Sunday	7:30am	4.7m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Barcelona	10°C	Paris	10°C
Beijing	-6°C	Rome	10°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	33°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	5°C
Gibraltar	15°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	16°C	Warsaw	4°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	22°C

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Gillingham	8°C	11°C	12°C	12°C	10°C	Tun Wells	8°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	10°C

Triennial artists vie for Trafalgar victory

TWO of the artists involved in this year's Folkestone Triennial have the chance to have their work exhibited in the centre of London.

Tracey Emin and Jeremy Deller have both been shortlisted as two of six candidates for the latest Fourth Plinth commission in Trafalgar Square.

Emin wants to put a sculpture of a small group of meerkats on the empty plinth, while Deller has planned to put the remains of a vehicle that was destroyed in an attack on civilians in Iraq for a piece entitled: The Spoils of War (Memorial for an unknown civilian).

Models of their proposed works are on show at the National Gallery until March 30.

Andrea Schlieker, curator of the Folkestone Triennial, said: "I am delighted that two of our artists have been shortlisted for the prestigious Fourth Plinth project."

"Together with the recent Turner Prize win by Mark Wallinger, the nomination of Nathan Coley, and Susan Philipsz's invitation to the 2008 Sydney Biennale it is further proof, if any were needed, of the high calibre of the artists who will be making new works for Folkestone this summer."

The winning artist is due to be announced by the Mayor of London later in the year.

The plinth has become a well-known site for contemporary artworks, specially commissioned from leading artists by the Mayor of London's Fourth Plinth Commissioning Group.

The works are displayed on the plinth for one or two years each.

For more information on the nominees, visit www.london.gov.uk/fourthplinth.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

BILL READING



Q How did you get involved with the alcohol service?

A I joined the alcohol service in 1979, having worked as a mental health nurse in general psychiatry. I'd become interested in treatment approaches at Mount Zeehan in Canterbury and learnt that working with problem drinkers was rewarding and productive.

Q What is the role of the alcohol service?

A The service has two functions. Firstly, it provides services to those affected by the use of alcohol and those who suffer the consequences of drinking by others. The second role is to provide support, training and advice to professionals who deal with alcohol misuse such as doctors, social workers and probation officers.

Q What do you provide?

A We provide a range of services throughout east Kent, including different types of group treatment, individual help and help for families. We are able to accept self-referrals to the service and help is free and confidential. The main aim is to help people to help themselves.

Q Is there a problem with alcohol in Kent?

A A recent study showed that levels of alcohol consumption in Kent are relatively high compared with other parts of England. Alcohol problems occur across the country

and have powerful consequences both for society and the individual. We have a national problem with alcohol and this is reflected as much in Kent as in any other part of England.

Q Have you seen an rise in alcohol addiction in the county?

A The numbers who seek and are referred for help have never been higher. The rise in demand for treatment exceeds growth in the population; more people are seeking help for drinking problems than in previous years.

Much of the problematic alcohol use remains hidden and cannot be measured accurately in terms of the number of people approaching specialist agencies for help. Alcohol is cheaper and more widely available and we know people are drinking heavily at younger ages. It seems likely the number of people with alcohol problems in Kent will continue to increase.

Q What advice can you give to people who are worried about their drinking habits?

A It's important to recognise alcohol problems can be solved with or without specialist help. There are many things which people can do to reduce their consumption, such as keeping a record of consumption and trying to reduce this, and talking to someone who is trusted. If people are concerned they cannot reduce their consumption, it is easy to get help.

The staff at the alcohol service can give advice. Although some people find they will need to stop drinking completely, many others can reduce their consumption to levels which

are no longer problematic, although it can be a good idea to have a few weeks without alcohol.

Q What can friends and family do to help?

A It can be very stressful to be around someone who is drinking too much, but friends and family should try to be honest with the person who is drinking by expressing their concerns and offering to help where they can.

It is important not to take responsibility away from the individual drinker and to recognise that each individual must make their own choices. It is seldom a good idea to discuss such matters when someone is actually drunk.

Q Do you have any advice for people who may be concerned about their drinking over the recent holiday period?

A For many people, alcohol will have formed part of their celebrations with no lasting difficulties. Some people drink more during the festive period than normal and simple measures such as alternating with non-alcoholic drinks, not drinking on an empty stomach and not drinking too early in the day can help.

If people did over-indulge, it is a good idea to follow this with a period of reduced drinking, or not drinking at all, to allow the body to recover.

A good piece of general advice is to check that alcohol is being used to enhance celebrations, rather than using the celebrations as an excuse for increased drinking.

• The Kent & Medway Alcohol Service can be contacted by telephoning 01227 761310

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Bill Reading, head of Kent and Medway Alcohol Services, talks to Rob Livingstone about Kent's growing problem with alcohol, and what can be done to assuage it, as well as explaining where to turn for help

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GOING PLACES: Work on Dover town centre will begin at the end of the month, following the district council's decision to enact a Compulsory Purchase Order

At last, all systems go...

WORK on the long-awaited regeneration of Dover town centre is set to begin at the end of the month.

Soil investigations and archaeological studies are scheduled to start in the last week of this month, with the demolition of the Russell Street Stagecoach depot likely to have completed by the end of May.

Plans to start the work came after an agreement by Dover District Council's cabinet, which agreed to take legal action to acquire land for the project.

It was agreed that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made for land within the redevelopment area.

Cllr Frederick Scales said the order was needed to move things forward.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

He said: "Although we would prefer to acquire any outstanding land by negotiation and agreement, we need to make a compulsory purchase agreement and it was important to make this decision."

"We look forward to moving on with this key regeneration and to seeing work start later this month."

Plans for redevelopment in Dover town centre were submitted by developer Bond City and supermarket giant Asda.

Dover District Council approved plans for the development in March last year.

Through its meeting with Bond and Asda, together with talks with the

South East England Development Agency, the council has made important progress.

This includes acquiring the Charringtons site, Dolphin House and the Stagecoach depot in Russell Street.

The new bus depot in Whitfield is already under way and Stagecoach will be moving there shortly, it is hoped.

The project includes an 85,000 sq ft store, with 35,000 sq ft of additional shop and restaurant space.

A 100-bedroom hotel, 53 affordable homes and a 600-space car park are also included.

Cllr Nigel Collor said: "It's great to see something moving there."

"This project will unlock the wealth of Dover and give security to developers and the local authority."

Record month for SeaFrance as savvy Brits eye bargains

SEAFRANCE Dover-Calais Ferries has enjoyed a record-breaking December.

The number of cars travelling across the Channel on the service during December topped 55,000 – beating the previous highest-ever total for the month of 53,000 back in 1996.

As savvy Brits travelled to France to stock up on Christmas food and drinks, two of the busiest periods were Friday afternoon on December 21 and all day on Saturday, December 22, when SeaFrance Dover-Calais Ferries were full on all crossings for vehicles, passengers and freight.

And there was more good news for the operator, too. SeaFrance's car volume during the whole of December was up 16 per cent year on year, while passenger traffic was up eight per cent.

These figures rounded off a good year for the company, whose 2007 totals showed a 13 per cent increase for car volumes and six per cent increase for passenger volumes, compared with 2006.

Robin Wilkins, managing director of SeaFrance UK, said: "It has been a great year for SeaFrance and our staff have worked hard for these results."



SET FAIR: SeaFrance recorded a 13 per cent increase for car traffic in 2007

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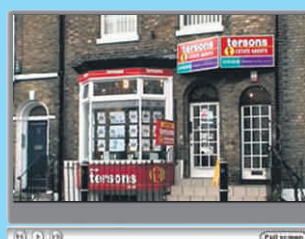
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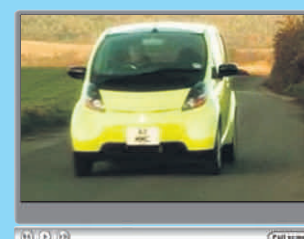
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POWER TALK: Protestors say eight times more electricity could be generated from offshore wind farms than is produced at present so a new generation of nuclear plants is not needed

Nuclear decision putting the wind up green campaigners

PLANS to build a new nuclear power station in Kent have been criticised as a costly waste of resources by campaigners.

Kent Green Party wants the Government to abandon its support of nuclear power and turn to sustainable supplies of energy like offshore wind farms.

It says a new nuclear plant at Dungeness would generate electricity at twice the price of offshore wind turbines.

The environmental campaigners have also warned that any companies involved in building the new station will face boycott action.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "Every £1 spent on energy conservation is seven times as effective at cutting greenhouse gas emissions as every £1 spent on nuclear power.

"The Government is lying when it says nuclear is a low-carbon technology, as mining uranium is very energy-intensive.

"The private and public money lavished on

■ BY JON COATES

nuclear power could create more sustainable jobs throughout Kent, rather than a costly new nuclear power station at Dungeness."

Mr Dawe pointed out that the British Wind Energy Association has said that eight times more electricity could be generated than what we use now from offshore wind alone.

"The employment potential for Ramsgate as a port serving the offshore wind industry is apparent," he added. "But energy conservation, according to the Association for the Conservation of Energy, could cut UK energy use by half. It could also provide more employment in every Kent district.

"Similarly, better payments to householders for electricity they produce would lead to more renewable energy schemes for housing and more jobs."

On Thursday, the Government gave the green light for a new generation of nuclear power stations.

Business secretary John Hutton said new plants should be built to safeguard future energy supply: "New nuclear power should have a role to play in the future energy mix."

But Mr Dawe warned new nuclear power stations will still create waste which is difficult and costly to dispose of: "The Government's consultation documents suggest the problems associated with nuclear waste have been resolved, but scientists dispute this.

"Claims that consumers will not have to pay for new nuclear power stations are open to challenge, as costs associated with any new road or rail infrastructure for new stations are likely to be met by the taxpayer.

"Also it has recently been revealed that the costs of decommissioning old nuclear power stations and dealing with existing nuclear waste are likely to be placed on taxpayers through electricity bills, which have been rising steadily with oil and gas price increases.

"We argue that since nuclear power is only expected to deliver a four per cent carbon cut after 2025, it is a waste of resources."

Appointment is big news for business at KOS Media

KOS MEDIA has appointed a business editor with a Fleet Street background to edit Kent on Sunday's new business section.

Tony Patey will take charge of business coverage in the award-winning Sunday title, the Saturday edition and the company's midweek newspapers, broadband TV channel and websites.

Mr Patey was city reporter for the Daily Mirror from 1973 to 1987. He was later business and economics correspondent for The European from 1993 to 1997.

The move follows the appointment of Richard Parsons as KOS Media's business publisher. He has taken charge of the commercial side of the section.

Mr Parsons is the former publisher of the Kent Messenger Group's business supplement.

Prior to this, he was responsible for various international markets divisions for ANZ Investment Bank.

Mr Patey said: "Joining an award-winning newspaper with high ambitions is a great challenge – and I'm looking forward to making what I hope will be a positive contribution.

"I aim to use all the benefits and potential of multi-media to make our coverage of business and personal finance in Kent the best there is."

Mr Parsons added: "The group has made a significant commitment to business within the county.

"Tony joining the team is good news and we look forward to delivering hard-hitting business news and comment every week within a unique but comprehensive and rich business portfolio."

The new section is inside today's paper and will grow later in the year.

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Do you ditch the Nescafe and plump for the Fair Trade coffee? Do you go for foods from countries with dubious human rights records, or back British? Do you ignore anything made in the US of A because you can't stand George Dubyah but invest in pretzels because they nearly choked him?

Once upon a time it was easy. While South Africa still had Apartheid you simply steered the wonky trolley wheels passed their products, muttered 'Free Mandela' under your breath and threw a bag of apples from Zimbabwe into your grocery selection.

Now though, that has all changed. Today, wherever you go there is a 'better' alternative – be it via more environmentally sound packaging or more compassion in its production. And, almost without exception,

that alternative comes complete with an increased price tag, presenting, perhaps, the biggest dilemma of all – do you spend more of your hard-earned cash in order to ease your conscience?

Opinion, unsurprisingly, is divided.

So it was with interest I tuned into Hugh's Chicken Run last week on Channel 4.

In it, celebrity chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall attempted to convert Axminster in Devon to buying free-range chickens rather than factory farmed birds, where their short lives saw them cooped up without access to natural light or room to swing a drum leg.

Are you prepared, was its message, to pass by the birds which literally go cheap on the shelves but that spend their entire 39-day life span in a shoebox with their own poo for a carpet?

It presented a compelling argument, but it did highlight one particular woman for whom shopping with a conscience was clearly as confusing as the labels on store chickens which baffle us all when we shop with the best intentions.

After spending weeks apparently backing the campaign, she was shown by the preposterously surnamed chef the way factory chickens were crammed in compared to their free range counterparts.

"The only difference I can see," said she, who clearly regularly ate for three and waddled along like a bucket of KFC, as she compared and contrasted the two methods, "is that the free range chickens have got a field."

As fine an example of pointing directly to the point, yet missing it completely, as you're ever likely to find.

But with that sort of mentality (drop a few of those ruddy great pies you clearly stuff in your trolley and you can shop with a conscience, perhaps?), the challenge to educate and change shopping methods is clearly going to be a hard fought battle.

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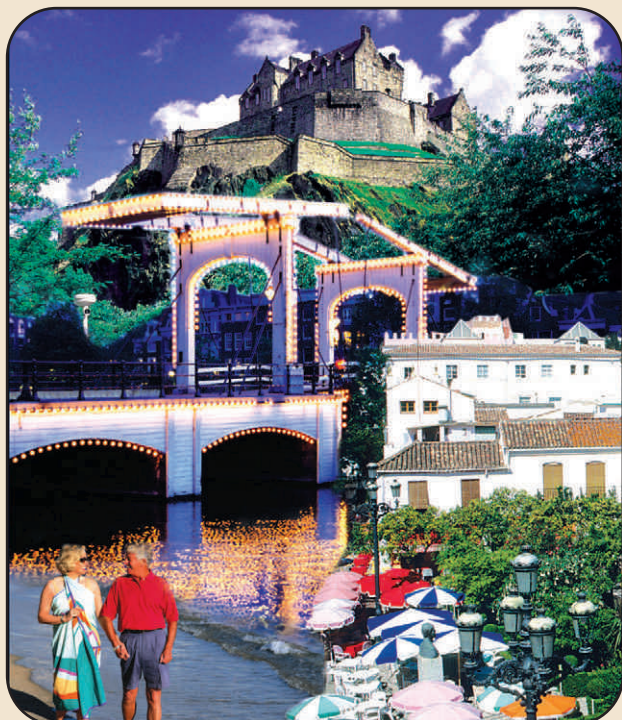
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45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, enjoys eating out, cinema, good conversation Box 435464 **1**

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN
Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **1**

HAND IN HAND
Romantic female, 46, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on the beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship, maybe more, with someone, 45-55, Ashford Box 435456 **1**

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincere, honest, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **1 2**

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 **1**

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **1**

AM I THE 1?
48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 **1 2**

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests Box 435098 **1 2**

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441 **1**

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909774 **1 2**

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoys clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **1**

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks Box 434052 **1**

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!
Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904 **1**

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **1**

DO YOU SCRUB UP?
Modern, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTm gent, 45-58, smart appearance, for friendship/relationship. Box 825500 **1**

LAST CHANCE?
Lively, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTm genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 **1**

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoys walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **1**

BEAUTIFUL DAY
54yr female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life Box 435468 **1**

LADY IN WAITING
Lively, special lady, 54, honest, friendly, caring with varied interests, including outdoor sports, travel, keeping fit, music, reading, social events, WLTm like-minded, easygoing male. Box 430607 **1**

SMART MOVE
Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship, leading to more. Box 430854 **1**

DIG DEEPER
Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship. I like gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242 **1**

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **1**

A CHUCKLE & A CHORTLE
56yr old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTm N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway/Maidstone area. Box 412127 **1**

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 **1**

LIKE TO ENJOY LIFE
Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man Box 435308 **1 2**

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901 **1 2**

EFFERVESCENT ELEGANCE
Young-at-heart, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745 **1**

GREETINGS TO THE NEW BRUNETTE
Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895 **1**

PLANT THE SEEDS
Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening. WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138 **1**

A MILLION TO ONE
Spiritually minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723 **1**



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STILL FULL OF LIFE!
Mature lady, 60, but look, feel, and act younger! I love history, sea side, walking, dancing, music. WLTm guy who loves life as much as me! Box 427850 **1**

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210 **1**

KEEEEP DANCIN'!
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 **1**

DON'T PASS ME BY
Young 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate Box 434424 **1**

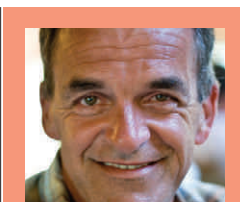
NEW FOUNDATIONS
Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 **1**

GENUINE GENTLEMAN ONLY
Kind-hearted, 64yr old lady, looking for genuine, down-2-earth male to share the simple things in life and enjoy life with. Ramsgate. Box 410983 **1**

Women seeking women

SNAP ME UP
Attractive, feminine female, 37, petite, professional, thoughtful, witty, enjoys socialising, travel, dancing, seeks similar, genuine female, for friendship/relationship. Rochester Box 411186 **1**

DANCING IN THE STREET
Sociable Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun and more Box 435191 **1**



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

TRAVEL 2 MY WORLD
Outgoing Asian male, 23, 5'3", like cinema, eating out, sport, WLTm special female to share outings with. Box 435284 **1**

OUT AND ABOUT
Sociable male, 27, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, slim, likes cinema, football, pubs/clubs, going out to various places Box 435194 **1**

SOMEONE TO CARE FOR
Care assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTm nice girl, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury Box 423431 **1 2**

THE GOOD LIFE
34yr old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 **1**

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY
Attractive guy, 34, 5ft10, slim, brown hair/blue eyes. I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Box 428758 **1 2**

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **1 2**

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 428202 **1**

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable Box 380976 **1 2**

HAPPINESS IS...
Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **1 2**

MAKING SWEET MUSIC
Romantic male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795 **1**

PERFECT!
Easygoing, fun guy, 38, 6ft tall, fit, swim and gym, fair, short funky hair with blue eyes, professional worker, seeking a nice female. Box 898289 **1 2**

DOWN TO EARTH
Nice looking male, 37, slim, likes sports, socialising, most things, seeks dark haired female, 30s with a great personality. Box 807534 **1**

MISS THIS MISS OUT
Single man, 39, 5'8", medium build, grey/blue eyes, not much hair but cropped. Friendly and approachable a good listener, very loyal and an outgoing personality. Box 897764 **1**

A SPARKLE
Hi, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004 **1**

TWO'S COMPANY
Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times Box 899553 **1**

THE SPECIAL ONE?
41yr old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 **1**

ENJOY LIFE
41yr old male, brown hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, WLTm fun-loving, kind female to share happy times. Box 435157 **1**

LOOKING FOR QUALITY COMPANIONSHIP
Tonbridge male, 41, 5ft5, brown hair, green eyes, likes sport, driving, relaxing nights in, seeking loyal woman, 36-42, who's caring, fun-loving. Box 435239 **1**

HERE'S TO LOOKING FORWARD!
Hello, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888 **1 2**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **1**

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS
Easygoing male, 40, 6', brown hair/blue eyes, likes pubs, restaurants, animals, laughter. Do you believe there are still some good men out there? Here I am! Box 934739 **1**

OPEN ARMS
Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTm someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **1**

GOOD SPORT
Easygoing 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262 **1**

SHINE TOGETHER
Slim male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTm genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area Box 425419 **1 2**

TWO'S COMPANY
Michael, 43, 5ft8, medium build, dark hair/eyes, hardworking, likes cooking, sports, disco, walking, seeks female for good company. Box 427395 **1**

MIX N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for LTR. Box 432940 **1**

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489 **1**

OPEN AND HONEST
45 year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again, I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things, seeking LTR. Chatham Box 430228 **1**

SHARE THE GOOD LIFE
Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship. more. Box 428202 **1**

SOCIABLE SORT
Allan, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship... Box 439488 **1**

NEVER GIVE UP
Sincere family man, 46, 5ft11, blue eyes, bald, no ties, grown up kids, loves cooking, beach walks, seeking similar with good heart, for family life Box 435207 **1**

IN YOUR EYES
Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **1**

LOTS OF SMILES
Warm, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 **1 2**

BRING ME HAPPINESS
Easygoing guy, genuine, 46, 5ft7, slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, enjoys nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with. Box 435393 **1**

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529 **1**

HEART OF GOLD!
Loyal, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build, enjoys DIY, gardening, days out, coast, country pubs, seeks loving female with similar interests, 43-55, slim/medium build. Box 899602 **1**

LOTS OF LOVE 2 GIVE
Ordinary guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111 **1**

KNOW WHAT YOU WANT FROM LIFE
48 year old male, hard-working, 6ft1, genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, up to 48 Box 435474 **1**

TALL AND SLIM
49 year old easygoing, laid-back male, 6ft, short brown hair, blue eyes, likes cinema, theatre, restaurants, travel, long walks, seeking 40-46yr old female. Medway Box 902387 **1**

NOTHING TO LOSE
Attractive, 6ft, fair-haired, blue-eyed male, 51, looking for an attractive feminine woman, for friendship and if there's chemistry maybe more. I live in Medway. Box 907991 **1**

WHY WAIT?
Fun-loving male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motorcycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTm an interesting female. Box 427713 **1**

yourcompetition

WIN! two tickets to the centenary Ideal Home Show

MARKING 100 years of iconic home innovation and inspiration, the Ideal Home Show kicks-off its centenary celebrations on Friday, March 14, and we have 10 pairs of tickets for you to win.

The Ideal Home Show has been the UK launch pad for countless household legends; from the electric kettle in 1920 to the largest commercial plasma screen in 2006.

Each year, full-sized houses and even whole villages, including pubs, town squares and shops are built inside Earls Court.

The centenary celebrations will be

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no different and visitors will find a full-size ultimate eco house and dream home and guest house to name a few.

To mark the Ideal Home Show's

commitment to environmental issues, the show will be holding its own light bulb amnesty. All visitors who bring an old light bulb can exchange it for a free energy saving bulb.

To book tickets or to view a full list of exhibitors and attractions at the Ideal Home Show, visit www.ideal-homeshow.co.uk or call ticket hotline on 0844 415 4144.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Ideal Home Show competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. Closing date is February 15.

Question: How many years has the Ideal Home exhibition been going?



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TALK TIME

OWEN LEYSHON

Owen Leyshon is Dungeness and Shingle Project Officer for the Romney Marsh Countryside Project



Tell us a bit about yourself.

I have worked for the Romney Marsh Countryside Project for almost 12 years, with part of my job involving managing parts of the large Dungeness National Nature Reserve. In the last two years, I have been working on the Dungeness Shingle and Wetland Project in partnership with the RSPB to provide new infrastructure and information to help protect the special and unique wildlife across Dungeness through the Heritage Lottery Fund and a range of partners.

What kind of work do you do?

Dungeness is the largest area of shingle in Europe and is home to many rare and endangered insects, plants and wildlife. For that reason, Dungeness is protected under a number of national and European wildlife designations. The paradox of Dungeness is that it is a fragile landscape and also a unique area, yet it suffers from vast numbers of visitors. The Point itself at Dungeness receives around 600,000 people per year, all coming for a range of reasons. However, it is a proportion of these visitors which are damaging the Dungeness NNR through their behaviour. Dungeness NNR also includes the large reserve which is slightly inland and consists of a range of habitats, including vast gravel pits.

What can people do to help?

With the sheer volume of visitors on a fragile NNR, the main workload on Dungeness involves cleaning up, tackling the bikes and 4x4s on the shingle, managing the film crews and fashion shoots and protecting the privacy of the residents who live on Dungeness. However, the NNR stretches four miles up the coast from the Point, and 1,200 houses back on to or are adjacent to the reserve, which brings its own issues like fly-tipping and dog-fouling. We also spend considerable time picking up litter across reserve and so any help that can be given by joining one of our volunteer beach cleans during the year would be welcome.

YOUR LETTERS

Fishermen fight back – about time

Full marks to the fishermen who are threatening to blockade the port of Dover in protest at the EU cod quotas.

It is about time the fishermen of this country stood up and fought for their rights as do those of other countries, notably the French.

The quota system which sees so many fish dumped back in the sea is absurd and it is great that one of our oppressed industries is fighting back.

Rosemary Holmes
Dover

Need to escape January blues

I so agree with last week's blogger – this time of the year is the most depressing of all the calendar months.

No one seems to want to do anything, workplaces are depressed, pubs are empty and restaurants are just pointless.

Even Valentine's Day is a big bore.

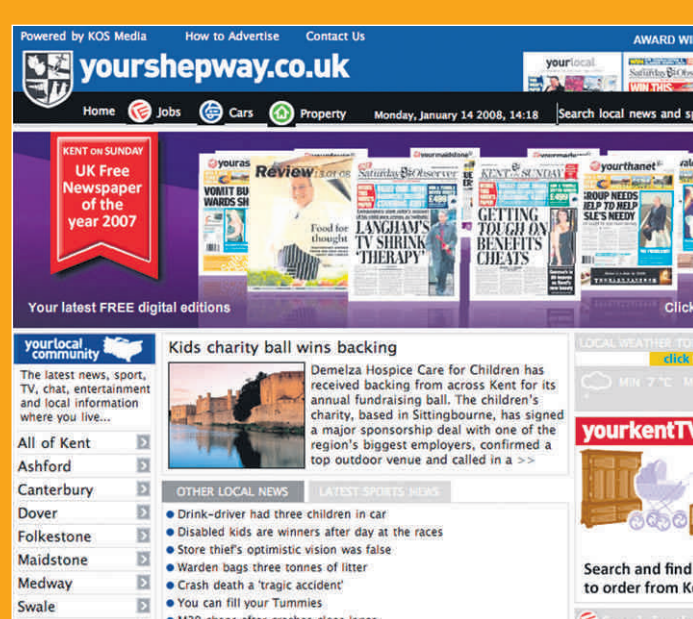
So I really wish I wasn't here at the moment.

I fancy New York or Jamaica.

Brian Lofton
Folkestone

Cash comes alive in theatre show

Last week's leisure pages featured The Johnny Cash Story, playing at the Astor Theatre Arts Centre in Deal on Saturday.



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I have to recommend this show as well as I saw it recently and thought it brought the man and his music to life in a way which is at least as good as the film Walk the Line, which won a

number of awards, including at least one Oscar.

For followers of any sort of music, Johnny Cash is an iconic figure.

You really don't have to want to

be a cowboy to enjoy the Man in Black!

Fiona Jones
Deal

Robbie's tough rehab failing

In last week's travel section the correspondent spoke about Robbie Williams's stay at the Cottonwood clinic in Phoenix, Arizona, and how it must have helped him in his rehab quest.

The story states the writer is quite prepared to believe Robbie went home a "reformed, more relaxed" person.

For anyone who knows anything about the case, this is not true.

The clinic is widely regarded as the toughest of its kind anywhere in the US. Patients are required to share a bedroom with two others and undergo intensive group and individual therapy sessions at a cost of £750 a night.

In Robbie's case this was quite clearly too much as he left a week early and went home to LA.

So "perfect for revitalisation" it quite clearly was not.

Bob Tarrant
Folkestone

Spin of success for Tredwell

Congratulations to James Tredwell for making the England one-day squad. He certainly deserves it after his performances for Kent last summer.

He has got to be the most improved spinner in the country and deserves every success.

Kent have been sorely under-represented in the national team's ranks in recent years, so

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let's hope the powers-that-be give him every chance of being a success.
Paul Bennet
Hythe

Smoking ban was always unfair

It has finally dawned on pubs that the smoking ban is going to affect their trade, according to the excellent story run last week.

Surely this was blatantly obvious from the beginning.

The ban is one of the most unfair pieces of legislation ever passed.

In some areas of the US, similar rules are ignored altogether.

Then again, in some cities a customer on payment of one dollar becomes a 'private member' of a club (just a bar, really) and can smoke as much as he or she wants to.

James Masterton
Dover

Charlton are great community model

It is good to see Charlton Athletic being socially conscious and helping in the community.

They seem to be making an impact as well, according to the story I read in this newspaper last week.

Footballers are often seen as negative role models, but in this case they are obviously doing a great thing. More clubs could and should follow this excellent example.

Philip Pearson
Folkestone

Healthy eating for a healthy year

I am writing to wish readers a happy and a healthy new year on behalf of everyone at World Cancer Research Fund.

Many of us have good intentions about becoming healthier in the new year.

But as well as being a time of year when people tend to focus on healthy eating, they do not necessarily want to spend hours in the kitchen preparing dishes.

So to help people keep their motivation going through the cold weather, we are offering a free copy of our Simple Suppers cookbook to the first 100 people who phone to request one on 020 7343 4205.

Full of recipes for quick and tasty dishes, it also uses inexpensive ingredients, which means that readers can enjoy healthy meals this winter without putting a strain on the wallets.

Lisa Cooney
World Cancer Research Fund

Have a heart to show how much you care

Join top celebrities and show the world you care with a British Heart Foundation Love Note.

This Valentine's Day, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) is getting to the heart of the community in Kent and encouraging locals to join top celebrities like Dame Helen Mirren, Graham Norton and Fearnie Cotton in writing a Love Note to post in their local BHF shop

window. All money raised will go to the BHF Valentine Appeal, which aims to raise £1 million to help fund essential BHF Heart Nurses and the BHF's Heart HelpLine.

With the celebrity help, and support from the people of Thanet, the BHF is hoping to make this year's Love Note Campaign the biggest in its seven-year history.

In the UK today, there are more than 2.6 million people living with coronary heart disease.

For some, this can be frightening and debilitating, and many don't always receive the support and care that they need.

Last year, BHF Heart Nurses were able to help 50,000 of these heart patients and the charity's Heart HelpLine provided support and information to some 13,000 callers.

So to back the new campaign it couldn't be easier!

Simply walk into your local BHF shop and, for a suggested donation of £1, write a Love Note with your romantic message to post in the shop window for all to see.

For a truly unique way to catch someone's eye this Valentine's, you can even add a picture of you and your loved one!

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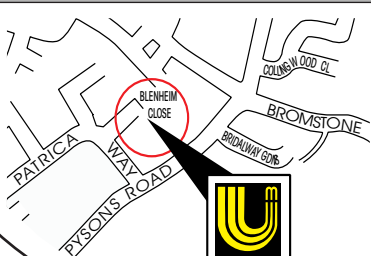
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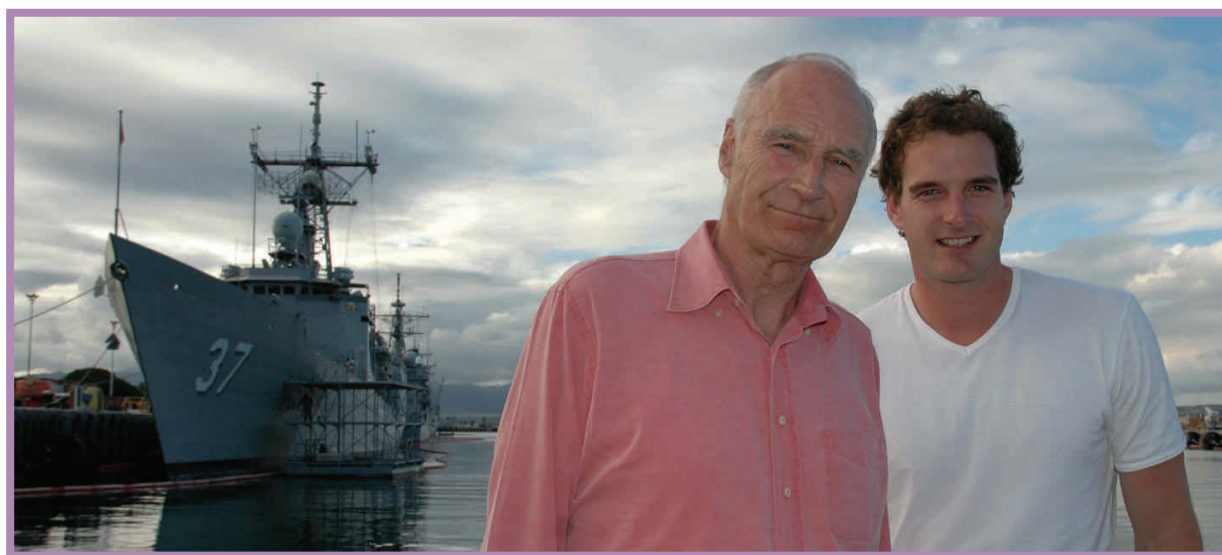
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Father and son swing into town

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AN EVENING in the company of Peter and Dan Snow should go with a swing when they visit Kent later this month.

The father-and-son team will be entertaining the audience with numerous tales about their lives and work together, including the BBC series *Battlefield Britain* and *20th Century Battlefields*.

In the second part of the show, they will be taking questions from the audience. With such varied and impressive careers, both should make fascinating interviewees.

Peter 'Swingometer' Snow was born in Dublin in 1938, the son of a British army officer and an Irish surgeon. His extended family includes a number of interesting characters, including his cousin, news presenter Jon Snow, and his Canadian historian sister-in-law, Margaret MacMillan.

He was educated in England and did his National Service with the Somerset Light Infantry from 1956-58. After studying for a degree in classics, ancient history and philoso-

phy at Oxford University, Snow joined ITN as a scriptwriter and reporter.

In 1966, he was appointed diplomatic and defence correspondent and spent the next 10 years reporting from around the globe.

During this time he wrote a book about the Palestinian airliner hijack crisis and a biography of King Hussein of Jordan.

He presented election and live political coverage at ITN during the 70s but left to join the BBC, where he became one of the first presenters of *Newsnight* when it started in 1980.

For many years, viewers have enjoyed Peter's excitable presenting style and his imaginative use of props and graphics to illustrate stories. He will always be associated with the *Swingometer*, a device he used to demonstrate how election results were developing.

Peter stepped down from his electoral duties three years ago to concentrate on journalism. Since then, he has taken part in a number of history, sport and current affairs programmes, as well as presenting *MasterTeam* on BBC Radio 4.

PETER AND DAN SNOW

Thursday, January 31

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



Dan, 29, has scarcely had a less exciting career. He attended the same college as his father at Oxford University, where he earned a first-class honours degree in modern history and rowed in the University Boat Race three times, being on the winning side in 2000.

Father and son sailed across the Atlantic together in 2001, during which a crew-member had to be airlifted off the yacht, and Dan acted as captain for the return leg.

As well as presenting two history series and a one-off programme about the Battle of El Alamein with his father, Dan has appeared solo on the BBC's *One Show*, made a number of other history programmes and won a Sony Award in 2003 for his part in the LBC Boat Race coverage.

An Audience with Peter and Dan Snow starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15.

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PHIL NICHOL

Tuesday, January 22
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



ACCLAIMED comedian Phil Nichol will be bringing his unique brand of high-octane storytelling to Canterbury this month.

The award-winning stand-up leaves audiences both shocked and uplifted. His new show, Hiro Worship, promises to be just as entertaining as previous tours. Having already discussed subjects as diverse as nude bigots, jazz ballet and substance-fuelled lost weekends, what will he say next?

In 2002, Nichol's Edinburgh show Things I Like, I Lick was nominated for the Perrier Award. Since then, he has been nominated for three Chortle Awards and he won the if.comedy Award (formerly the Perrier Award) in 2006.

The accomplished actor has starred as Philip Salon in the Boy George musical Taboo in the West End, as well as appearing in BBC Two's Broken News and Rob Brydon's BBC Three series, Annually Retentive.

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £13/£11. To book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



THE JONNY YOUNG BAND

Monday, January 21
Zebra Bar, Maidstone



COUNTRY music fans have the chance to catch a near-legendary act when the Jonny Young Band takes to the stage.

It promises to be an evening of fantastic country-rock music, with some great nostalgic moments from the last 35 years. The Kent-based band has superb three-part harmonies and one of the greatest lead vocalists in British country music, so it should be a treat for old and new fans alike.

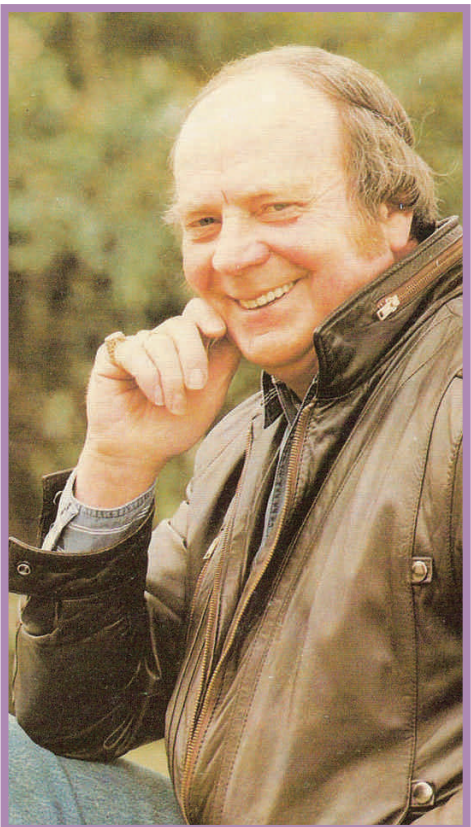
After starting his career in skiffle, Jonny Young soon emerged as an impressive country music singer.

The Jimmy Young Four, signed to RCA Records, toured all over the UK and Europe alongside stars like Don Gibson, Bobby Bare, Skeeter Davis and George Hamilton IV.

With a flair for revamping classic country hits by Hank Williams, Don Gibson and Marty Robbins, and blending Elton John songs with original tracks, the new-look band was at the cutting edge of British country music in the 1970s.

Some of these greats will be heard at the Zebra Bar next week.

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Happy Frenchman to host Junkyard Dogs

HOBO Jones and The Junkyard Dogs will be offering some 'off the rails' skiffle and skunk rock in Folkestone on Saturday, January 19.

The entertaining trio will be performing at The Happy Frenchman in Christchurch Road at 8pm.

For more details about the gig, call the pub on 01303 259815. Find out more about the band at www.hobojones.com.

Bag yourself a bargain at Sunday table fair

A TABLE fair will be held on Sunday, January 20, to raise money for the Friends of Folkestone Sports Centre.

Sellers should arrive at the centre in Radnor Park Avenue at 8am for a 9am start and the fair will finish at 1pm.

Tables cost £6 if booked in advance or £10 on the day. Book in person at the Folkestone Sports Centre.

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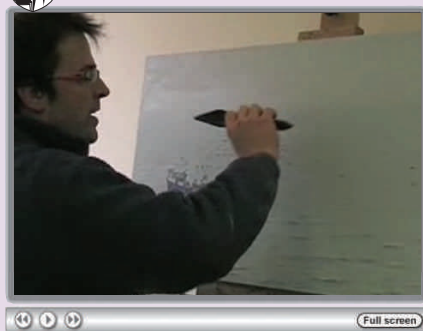
VOLUNTEERS are sought to take part in a scrub clearing day at Wingate Hill on Creteway Down, Folkestone.

People can help to reclaim an area of grassland on the hill's lower slopes on Thursday, January 17. There will be various meeting points from 9.30am and the activity is expected to last for six hours.

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Flash is a man who longs for the days when he worked as a crew member on cinematic masterpieces like 'Citizen Kane'. When he meets teenage film fanatic Cameron Kincaid, he becomes an unlikely mentor and agrees to help Cameron make a film to compete in a student competition where the top prize is a film scholarship and, for Cameron, a ticket out of his difficult home life.

Rumpled, but not very cute

BY ROBIN WALKER

PHILIP Seymour Hoffman has a rumpled awkwardness about him that makes him an unlikely film star and that's a significant part of his appeal.

"A lot of people describe me as chubby or tow-headed," muses the theatre-trained New Yorker. "I'm never described in attractive ways. I'm waiting for somebody to say I'm at least cute, but nobody has."

That hasn't stopped him being one of the most sought-after character actors in the business – particularly since his performance as Truman Capote in *Capote*, which won him a Best Actor Academy Award in 2006.

In January he's in no fewer than three films, with leading roles in Sydney Lumet's *Before The Devil Knows You're Dead* and Tamara Jenkins' *The Savages* and a supporting turn (that's attracting yet more Academy Award buzz) alongside Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts in *Charlie Wilson's War*.

A dark caper movie that's a mix of thriller and Greek tragedy, *Before The Devil Knows You're Dead* has Philip playing a desperate man with sexuality issues and a cash-flow problem who entices his gormless brother (Ethan Hawke) to rob a jewellery store belonging to their own parents.

The *Savages* is another family comedy/drama – this time centring on two adult siblings who find themselves plucked from their self-centred lives to care for their estranged father sliding into dementia.

And in Mike Nichols' likeable twist at global politics, *Charlie Wilson's War*, Philip plays a resentful CIA agent who aids a good-ol'-boy Texas congressman (Tom Hanks) in his clandestine plan to arm the Mujahideen in Afghanistan against the Soviets in the 1980s.

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In *The Savages* he teams up with Laura Linney as siblings cocooned in their own complicated lives who are thrown together out of necessity. This was another project he read years ago that eventually came back to him.

"I just loved the script and I always wanted to do it so I was glad it came back around," he says.

The matter of ageing parents is something most of us have to deal with at some stage. Philip's own parents divorced when he was nine and he and his three siblings were largely raised by their mother, a judge.

"Both my parents are still alive so I haven't had to deal with that," he says about the film's core dilemma of placing a deteriorating father in care. "But I am, of course, dealing with ageing parents and they're dealing with ageing children."

An actor who likes to frequently return to theatre, Philip is having to juggle film stardom



WANTED: Philip Seymour Hoffman has been busy

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with being a parent. He and his partner, costume designer Mimi O'Donnell, have two young children.

"My daughter's a year old so she's the master of her own universe really," he says, "but my son comes with us to the theatre. They're all going to be introduced to acting just by the life we're in."

Acting allows the fiercely private performer to indulge things he doesn't in his normal life, he admits. "I'm probably more open when I'm acting than at any other time. It allows me to be something that I can't always feel comfortable with when I'm living my own life, because it's make-believe."

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■ BY ELLIOT WRIGHT (AGE 10½)

CHRISTMAS is, without question, one of the finest times of the year. On that we are all agreed. But spending it in Disneyland Paris? I'm not sure it gets any better.

If I'm honest, I never thought my dad would bother. Bound to be too expensive and how would all my presents be in the right place for Christmas morning?

But, to my surprise (and my big sister's), that's where I ended up.

My parents told us we were popping across the Channel on Christmas Eve to visit a French market.

I didn't suspect a thing. There I was leading Manchester United to another glorious league success on my PSP console, when it dawned on me we had left Calais two hours ago and were in Paris.

Having left home at 8am, by 5pm French time we were actually strolling into the Disneyland Park having booked into our hotel, pausing briefly only for me to pick myself off the floor after being told we were going to be here for three long, action-packed days. So long PSP.

I've been here before but this was different. Over the festive period the place was open until 10pm. That's a possible 14 hours every day in the park. Cool.

For me, Pirates of the Caribbean is one of the best rides. I made the height restriction for



IN CHARACTER: When you're not on a ride there are lots of Disney stars to entertain you and say hello

Space Mountain rollercoaster this time which was, er, good. One go was enough for me.

It was packed though. My top tip for winter visits to the park is simple; wrap up warm and use the Fast Pass system for the big rides. I'll repeat that: Use the Fast Pass system. You get a ticket at the ride and it tells you when you can come back, normally within an hour or so and you get to jump the queue.

The good news is that by around 6pm little kids start to flag, so they go, leaving me the

chance to drag my mum and dad round to more rides with smaller queues. Perfect.

For Christmas dinner we booked into the Blue Lagoon (overlooking the first stage of the Pirates' boat ride). According to my dad it's one of the top Disney restaurants offering 'Creole cooking', whatever that means, and great fish dishes.

We had ostrich on Christmas Day, now that was good.

My dad blew nearly 200 euros on that meal. But overall he said it was pretty reasonable to eat out at the many fast food outlets around the park. He reckoned two adults and two kids could eat well all day for 100 euros.

Food, however, is merely a necessity in my book to provide the energy to get on those rides. We spent one of the days at the neighbouring Disney Studios. It's a completely separate park, arguably a little more grown up, with some excellent shows. They all have a film theme and some great rides, including the terrifying, Hollywood Tower Hotel. In a nutshell you just fall a long, long way. My sister went on three times. For me once was enough.

The new Nemo rollercoaster, is popular but we had to give it a miss – the waiting time of 90 minutes was just a little too much and there's no Fast Pass. Curses. But that was just one blip on an otherwise fantastic trip.

For Christmas, Disneyland was brilliant. It's an easy drive by motorway (196 miles from Calais since you ask) and there are some spectacular deals for families over the next couple of months.

Needless to say, I have already started nagging to go again. And you should too.

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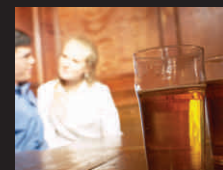
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BBC one

SATURDAY: THE ONE AND ONLY (6.15pm): With a contract to perform in Las Vegas the carrot on the stick, the nation's top tribute acts continue to try and impress. Graham Norton presents.

SUNDAY: LARK RISE TO CANDLEFORD (8pm): Start of a new series starring Olivia Hallinan, Julia Sawalha and Dawn French in an adaptation of Flora Thompson's memoir of her Oxfordshire childhood.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: TIMEWATCH (8.10PM): Dr Saul David investigates the violent world of the medieval melee tournament in the long-running history series.

SUNDAY: SKI SUNDAY (7PM): Thirty years on and Ski Sunday remains bizarrely addictive viewing – if nothing more than for the scenery and hope of a dramatic tumble. Graham Bell and Ed Leigh present.

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SATURDAY: RED DRAGON (10pm): Anthony Hopkins puts on the face mask as he returns as Hannibal Lecter in this prequel to the Silence of the Lambs. This time he's helping hunt down a killer dubbed 'The Tooth Fairy'.

SUNDAY: KINGDOM (9.20pm): Gentle ITV drama starring Stephen Fry in which he struggles to keep the reappearance of his fugitive brother Simon a secret.

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SATURDAY: THE ITALIAN JOB (9pm): An all-star cast remake the Michael Caine 1969 classic which acts as the perfect advert for the Mini Cooper as the crooks look to bring LA to a standstill to pull off an audacious crime.

SUNDAY: GORDON RAMSAY COOK-A-LONG LIVE (8PM): Stand by your pots and pans as celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay looks to prove you can cook up a three-course meal in just an hour.

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SATURDAY: TOYS (3.15pm): Slightly odd film about a hi-tech toy factory taken over by an army general who turns its products into killing machines.

SUNDAY: MEDICINE MAN (6.55pm): Sean Connery swaps Bond for biology as, while working in the South American jungle, he stumbles across a cure for cancer – but then loses the formula.

Echoes of the past in Martine's new role

■ BY BEN FALK

"OH, no, no, no," says Martine McCutcheon, adamant in her answer, "I'm not engaged."

She's responding to pictures earlier this year of her wearing a huge diamond sparkler on her wedding finger at The Ivy in London, but thanks to high-profile relationships going south in the past, anything now is kept on the QT.

"Guys look a bit," she admits, about potential suitors. "They stare a lot because they probably think, 'I don't know where to begin with her. What do I say? Do I pretend I don't know who she is or I pretend I do know who she is?'"

The ones who are brave enough to come up are normally the ones who are a bit bolshy and not very nice and it's probably the shy ones that you don't get to meet who are the ones who could be really lovely."

But she won't be drawn any further on whether she has a man in her life, although she admits to seeing someone. She smiles: "I'm very happy at the moment and that's all I can say about my love life."

If her off-screen relationships are in limbo, it's certainly not the case for her latest on-screen character.

The 31-year-old is playing Susan, a blowsy housewife with two teenage kids in Cornwall-set, night-time soap Echo Beach. Her dull marriage to Mark (Hugo Speer) is given a testosterone injection when ex Daniel (Jason Donovan) when he rolls back into town.

The series, which began last Thursday, on ITV1, promises to be a rather nifty experiment. Martine's dramatic half-hour follows Moving Wallpaper, a 30-minute fictional behind-the-scenes-style comedy show follow-



SOAP: In Echo Beach Martine McCutcheon plays a housewife reunited with her ex, played by Jason Donovan

ing the – concentrate – making of Echo Beach.

"She's a bit frumpy, isn't she?" says the actress of Susan, who sports a quite hideous dress in the premiere episode. "Actually," she remembers, "that proved to be quite lucky. It was one of the worst summers Cornwall's ever seen and there were times they were going, 'We've got to cut, Martine's being hit by hailstones'. Because Susan was frumpy, I got to wear a big cardigan!"

She explains: "Susan's very repressed. She's controlled by her husband and is secretly yearning for the gold in her life. I've always enjoyed the fact that the characters I play have a sense of me in them because they wear their hearts on their sleeves."

A star since making her name as Tiffany in EastEnders, she has trod the West End boards

and controversially scooped a Laurence Olivier Award for her role as Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady. (She got great reviews, but an illness meant her understudy performed more than she did).

She has hit the top of the charts with her single Perfect Moment, copped off on screen with Hugh Grant in blockbuster Love Actually, doled out criticism on Soapstar Superstar and comic Russell Brand just revealed he snogged her while they were at theatre school together.

One thing she hasn't much luck with is boys.

Which might be why she is plunging herself back into work, appearing as Miss Marple's sidekick last year and returning to the world of soaps with Echo Beach.

The twist with the latter is that we will also get a chance to see 'Martine McCutcheon' dealing with the show's 'producers' (played by comedian Ben Miller) in Moving Wallpaper.

A clip from later in the series shows her crying her eyes out when she thinks she's been fired – ironic considering the furore surrounding her death in EastEnders which subsequently led to her publicly criticising BBC honcho Mal Young in her autobiography.

Thankfully, Martine has had enough time to appreciate the amusement factor.

"I said, 'I bet she cries and says, 'Not again!' and they said, 'No, there's not the 'Not again!' bit but there's an 'Oh, no!' I said, 'Great, bring it on! That's fabulous.' It ended pretty badly at EastEnders but I've too much pride and too much dignity to let myself go like that. But it's what we'd all want to do on the inside."

So what if there isn't a ring on that finger? We've got Martine McCutcheon back in a soap opera – which is exactly where we want her.



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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 The delivery charge for a baby geranium? (10)
7 Hesitates with Oriental language (4)
9 Shellfish to cook at social gathering (8)
10 If it's free, one can say what one likes (6)
11 Fraudulent practice of testing public opinion by circulating rumours (4-6)
14 Name a hat designed to be an object of abhorrence (8)
15 Learning about a hot place in Pakistan (6)
16 Way round near mountain road (6)
18 Separate one in new side (8)
20 Late tender (5-5)
23 Six-footer in religious group (6)
24 No French sight perhaps is an absurdity (8)
25 Square incision on tail (4)
26 Joint complaint of one in fancy summer-hat (10)

DOWN

- 2 Tax one leaving coral island (4)
3 Some were prompted by the vigorous frolic (4)
4 He lacks another means of restraint (7)
5 A tinier variety of sloth (7)
6 Sensual Lulu upset about way forward initially (7)
7 Not a bit of it (10)
8 Pretty poor revised estimate (6-4)
12 Unhinge icy contraption that is unclean (10)
13 Devotion to mechanical gadget (10)
17 Lessen a Tory's hold on another politician (7)
18 Make insane some insider angered (7)
19 Bone removed from Munster (7)
21 Outlet even then was included (4)
22 One with half-sister seen in Oxford (4)

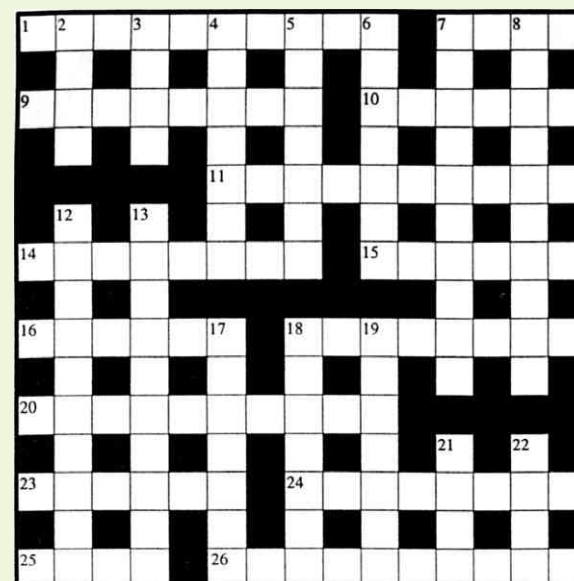
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- 1 Office of newspaper chief (10)
7 Desire (4)
9 Precious metal (8)
10 Balloting (6)
11 Temporary ban (10)
14 Supplementary text (8)
15 Losing moisture (6)
16 Pineapple (6)
18 Roadside indicator (8)
20 Part of a camera (10)
23 Reroute (6)
24 Checker (8)
25 Margin (4)
26 Plunging headlong (10)

DOWN

- 2 Unemployment pay (4)
3 Goodbye (2-2)
4 Gave a different title (7)
5 Monotonous (7)
6 Turned on a central point (7)
7 Naiad (5-5)
8 Corruption (10)
12 Recognised (10)
13 Make no progress (3,7)
17 No tilts (anag.) (7)
18 Misery (7)
19 Wreath (7)
21 Ukrainian capital (4)
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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU'RE getting tired of coping with a large group. Going off on your own, though, could have unfortunate consequences. You can't afford to make enemies right now. Exercising compassion toward friends, neighbours, and colleagues is a good idea. By trying to see things from their perspective, it will be much easier to keep your anger at bay.



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

DON'T let your wants and wishes get in the way of good decision making. It's hard to think clearly when you are consumed by desires. If you're thinking of making a move on a platonic friend, wait until next week. Work provides a lot of creative challenges this week. This proves a welcome distraction from your personal life.



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

A LOVER or child is showing a lack of consideration for you. This could be because you've given them a mistaken idea about your finances. In the past, you were ready to buy gifts whenever they wanted them. Be honest about your situation or your relationship will continue to suffer. It's better to be generous with your time and affection than money.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

RESIST the urge to buy an expensive luxury item. An unexpected expense could play havoc with your budget. An irritable child will wear on your patience. You'll have to establish some firm ground rules now, while you still have their respect. If you don't assert yourself, you'll lay disastrous groundwork for the future.



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

TAKE care not to be rude to a well-meaning woman. This lady is only trying to help you realise a cherished goal. Hold back whenever you're tempted to give sarcastic replies to her concerned inquiries. Trust your intuition with regard to a creative project. You're always much more pleasant when you're exercising your imagination.



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

THE last thing you want to focus on is work. A close relationship is far more intriguing. Unfortunately, you need to attend to your career if you're going to maintain your position. If you need a reason to remain diligent, consider how unemployment could affect your life. It will be hard to have fun when you're worried about paying your bills.



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

AN impulsive attitude toward romance could be taking its toll on your home life. Your partner can't drop everything when you crook your finger in their direction. Keep your promises to relatives and roommates. That may not seem important now, but you'll need their support sooner than you think. Never underestimate the importance of family.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

ALL the wit and charm in the world won't smooth over a difficult family situation. Stop looking the other way at a relative's bad behaviour. This person needs to answer for their actions. Fortunately, your powers of persuasion are very strong. Your non-judgemental attitude makes all the difference to changing their ways.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

IT'S easy to get carried away with someone who claims to know all the answers, but wait a while before you put your faith in this character. A sensible friend will see the holes in this guru's guidance. Try not to be too hard on yourself. We all want a template for leading a rewarding life. Unfortunately, such formulas are invariably flawed.



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

WORK could be very unpleasant this week. Avoid sensitive topics like religion and politics like the plague. Fortunately, a close friend or lover is eager to smooth your furrowed brow. Turn to this person when the pressure becomes too great. If you're looking for love keep your eyes open for someone with high principles and ideals.



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

SUGAR coating your problems may affect your health. It's important to face facts head on, particularly with regard to work. If you're in jeopardy of losing your job, start looking for another. Share your plight with friends. Your love life is a lot more promising than your professional prospects. Someone new has their eye on you.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

IT'S hard to be polite when people provoke you at every turn. Take care not to blurt out any secrets while venting your anger. If you're seeking work, you could find it at a hospital, university, or government agency. You have a knack for coping with paperwork. If you are already employed, apply to one of these institutions for financial aid.

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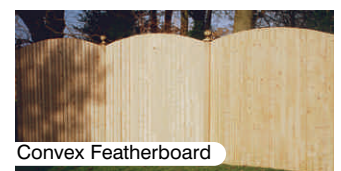
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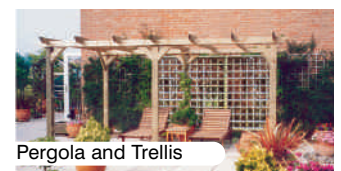


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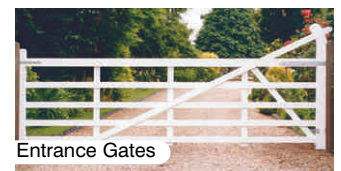


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Between the 27th of February 2007, when the increased penalty of three points and a £60 fine was brought in, and the 30th of November 2007, Kent Police issued 3,192 penalty notices to motorists for using a hand held mobile phone while driving.

The message from Kent Highway

Services is that all drivers should switch off their phones before they start a journey.

This eliminates any possibility of being distracted from concentrating on the road by an incoming call

or a text message. You may be dying to make or take that call, but is it really worth dying for? Voicemail can be a lifesaver.

Handsfree mobile phone kits may be legal to use when behind the wheel but are they much safer than using a hand held mobile?

There is evidence to suggest that using a handsfree mobile phone kit while driving is as dangerous as drink driving.

Research carried out by the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL) for Direct Line Insurance shows that when a driver uses a hands free mobile phone while driving, their ability to drive is impaired more so than if they were driving at the UK's legal alcohol limit (80mg/100ml).

The findings have led to FirstGroup, one of the largest transport companies, enforcing a ban on its 135,000 employees from using a hands-free mobile phone device when driving.

Although it isn't against the law to use a mobile hands free kit, motorists can still be prosecuted if police judge that the driver was not in proper control of the vehicle. The penalties are the same as using a hand held phone - £60 fine and three points on your licence.

In any incident or crash, the use of any phone could be justification for the charges of careless or dangerous driving. The penalties on conviction for such offences include heavy fines, endorsement, disqualification and, in serious cases, imprisonment. Courts are taking a serious view in such cases.

Mobile phones are often sold with in-car kits to enable hands-free use. This creates a false impression that this is somehow safer and therefore more acceptable. The research by TRL shows that, whilst not illegal, using a hands-free kit is no more acceptable than drink driving.

Talking on a mobile phone is different to having a conversation with a passenger.

A passenger is aware of the drivers surroundings and will soon stop the conversation when the driver needs to negotiate a potential hazard such as a busy junction. This isn't the case with someone on the other end of the phone as they are not present in the vehicle. They could continue talking and

therefore prove a distraction to a driver at a crucial moment.

Using a mobile phone can double the time it takes a driver to react to a situation. One brief moment checking a mobile while driving could be the difference between

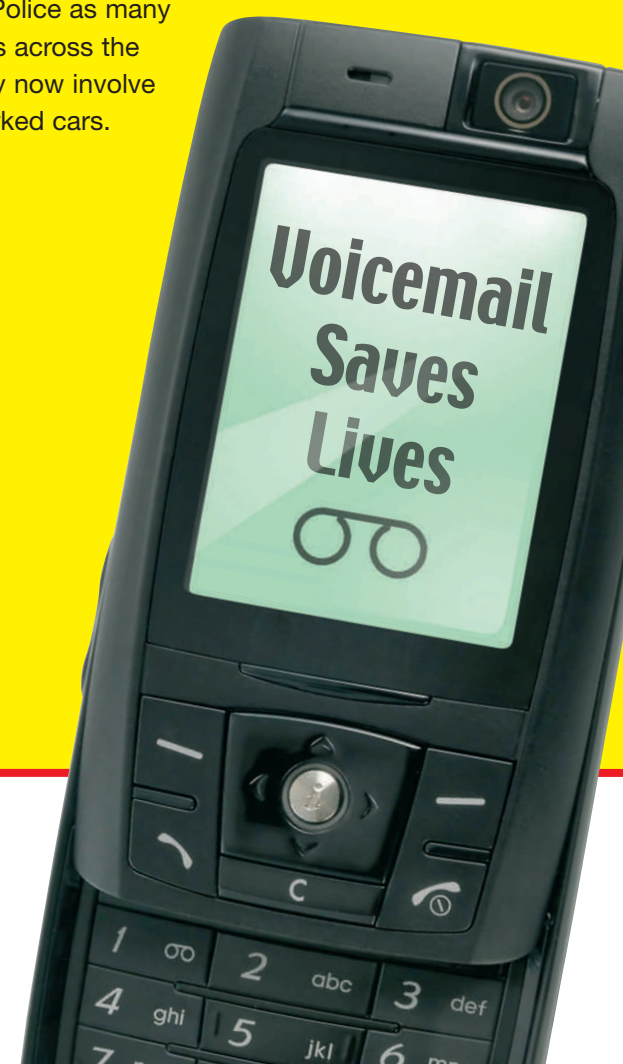


seeing the car ahead breaking or a child running into the road. It's quite simple – the road deserves your full attention at all times.

Steve Horton from the Kent Highways Road Safety Team says: "The effect it has on your concentration levels makes it unsafe to use a mobile phone whilst driving, hand-held or hands-free. The safest thing to do is to switch off your phone before beginning a journey and to ensure your voicemail service is on for people to leave messages. If you need to make a call or are expecting to be contacted by work, friends or relatives, then make regular stops, in a safe place, and with your engine switched off."

Motorists who continue to break the law by using a hand held mobile while driving have a good chance of being caught by Kent Police as many patrols across the county now involve unmarked cars.

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Sounds like some good music

From the sublime to the ridiculous

TWO markedly different Kent bands have grabbed our attention this week displaying the wealth of talent just waiting to be discovered.

Sheppey's Sons of Alpha Centauri have posted up their awesome animated video by Kent film-maker Ben Brown, based around the Maunsell Sea Forts off the Kent coast.

Their haunting, ambient electro soundscape meshes perfectly with the eerie stillness of the forts, creating a memorable audiovisual experience.

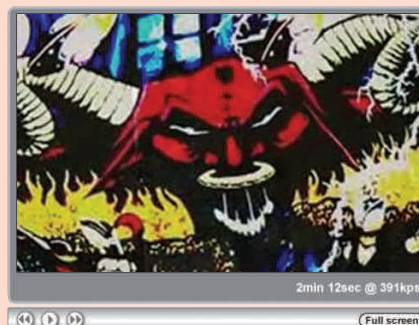
At the other end of the scale, the Trouser Trumpets are back, getting the plugs in early for their Christmas single, which received more than 3,500 downloads last year, putting it at number 550 in the charts.

It wasn't quite enough to beat X Factor winner Leon Jackson's slushy effort, but the Trumpets continue to build on their ever growing local fanbase however, and promise new songs and more gigs than ever this year.

LIVE AND LOUD



HAUNTING: This computer generated film by Ben Brown features the music of Sons of Alpha Centauri. It centres around the haunting World War Two Maunsell sea forts.



2008'S FIRST: More raptastic craziness from Emcee Flapjack. Look out for the caterpillar. It really is quite funny, and strange. This mman has earned a loyal following.



RED LIGHT: Jo Nicol and Jeremy Marks perform a blues reworking of Roxanne by the Police at the Plough and Harrow in Bridge. Top talent adds to the range at Yourkenttv.co.uk.

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CAN'T STAND ME NOW: Stretching his incredible five chord repertoire to the limit at the Tap and Tin in Chatham, it's Pete Doherty. See why he has such a loyal following.



SWING YOUR PANTS: We had to include the Trouser Trumpets, who have recently added Janet Street Porter and cartoonist Ralph Steadman to their growing number of fans.



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BIRTHS

ACOURT

Jake born on the 2nd January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Son to John and Samantha and brother to Courtney and Kailey.

AITCHISON

Gemma Louise Aitchison. Born on the 27-12-2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter of Stephen and Debbie. Sister to Rebecca and Jessica in Ramsgate.

ASHOUR

Alicia Jasmine born on 17th December 2007, weighing 5lb 15 and a half oz. Daughter to Jean and Moustafa in Maidstone.

BARRETT

Cammy Louise born on 21st December 2007, weighing 6lb. Daughter to Laine and April in Dover.

BOLTON

Ruby Louisa born on 1st January 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Pete and Mel in Birchington. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

BRADLEY

Wayne and Emily Bradley of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Maisie Grace Bradley on 27th December 2007, weighing 8lb 1.5oz.

CHATFIELD

Joseph and Cheryl celebrate the birth of their son Logan James Paul on 6th December 2007. A brother for Tyla-Mae.

CHIVERS

Phoebe Jane. Born on 15th December weighing 6lb 14.5oz. Daughter to Zoe Page and Steven Chivers.

COWELL

Sara and Stuart of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Theo Patrick, born on 14th December 2007.

DENNESS

Harry Grahame Denness born on 5th January 2008, weighing 8lb 1oz. Son to Daniel and Joanne in Headcorn.

EDWARDS

Fiona and Allan of Monkton are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Morven Rose, born on 18th December 2007.

EVANS

Hal Emmett Evans, born on the 18th Dec 2007, to Matthew and Esa Evans of Whitstable.

FARRELL

Willow Xena Farrell, born to Francis and Beth Farrell, of Oare Faversham, on 12th December 2007. Beautiful baby sister to Merlin.

FOX

Isabela Lopes Othero born on 27th December 2007 weighing 5lb 8oz. Daughter to Nadja and Laurence Fox in Maidstone.

FRANKS

Esmee-Rose born on 21st December 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz. Daughter to Leon and Jemma in Ramsgate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

GOULDING

Ian and Christine of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of Kian Mark on 20th December 2007 weighing 6lb 15oz at Pembury Hospital.

GRANT

Ryan and Clare celebrate the birth of their daughter Elisha-May on 22nd December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

HAMILTON

Stuart and Nicola are proud to announce the birth of their son Joseph Thomas on 29th December 2007 weighing 7lb 3oz.

HAMMOND

Andy and Ashley celebrate the birth of their daughter Leah on 30th December 2007.

JENKINSON

Nicholas and Tiffany Jenkinson of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Thomas James Jenkinson born on 22nd December 2007, weighing 6lb 13oz.

JENNER

Tony and Gill Jenner of Rochester celebrate the birth of their daughter Jorga May Jenner on 3rd January 2008.

JONES

Gregory and Karen of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their son Oliver Edward on 20th December 2007 weighing 8lb 9oz.

LAWTON

Sam and Jenny Lawton of Ramsgate celebrate the births of their twins Emily Louise and Joshua Peter on 17th December 2007.

LUTMAN

Rick and Helen Lutman of Hollingbourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Isabella Lutman on 17th December 2007.

McCULLUM

Holly Moira born on 27th December 2007, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Daughter to Mark and Tracey in Broadstairs.

MITCHELL

Bethany Elize born on 28th December 2007, weighing 7lb 11oz. A beautiful daughter born to her proud parents Collette and Dan in Maidstone.

OSBORNE

Sarah and Neil of Cliffsend are delighted to announce the birth of their son Oscar Glenn, born on 2nd January 2008 at QEQM.

POSSEE

Paul and Debbie of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Matilda Star, on 20th December 2007. A new baby sister for Maisie, Amy and Flossie.

RECORD - TERRY

Joanne Record and Luke Terry celebrate the birth of their son James Alfie Record - Terry on 1st January 2008.

REEVES

Anja and Marc of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Ella Luise on 18th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz.

ROE

Hollie Carmel born on 6th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Andrew and Liz in Dover.

RUDGE

Alison and Stuart celebrate the birth of their daughter Grace Hope Rudge on 15th December 2007.

SIDDLE

Marie and John are pleased to announce the birth of their son Rhys Andrew on 21st December 2007 weighing 7lb 15oz in Margate Hospital.

STOPEs

James Stopes and Sammyjo Davis of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Callie-Rose Marie Stopes on 1st January 2008.

THOMAS

Piper Carol Thomas born on 30th December 2007, weighing 7lb. Daughter to Gareth and Louisa in Minster on Sea.

THOMPSON

Kim and James Thompson of Weaving celebrate the birth of their son Daniel Ross Thompson on 14th December 2007.

TOMLIN

Ava Rose Elsie Tomlin born on 18th December 2007 weighing 6lb 14oz. Daughter to Keli and Paul and sister to Ruby.

TOWNER

Stephen and Leah are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Katie Jeanne on 26th December 2007 weighing 7lb 14oz at Pembury Hospital.

TURNER

Neale and Fay are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Olivia Grace born on 25th December 2007 weighing 7lb 13oz at Pembury Hospital.

VIVASH

Tiffany-Rose Molly-Ferrari, born on 27th December 2007 at home. A very pleasant late Christmas present. Weighing in at 8lb. Daughter to Phil and Dawn.

WILLIAMS

Emma Wanstall and Alex Williams became proud parents to Summer Paige Williams. Born on 28th December 2007 weighing 9lb 4oz.

ZEGREAN

Gabriel and Corina of Kingsdown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Louis Sebastian Zegrean, on 31st December 2007.

DEATHS

BAILEY

Shirley Bailey of Meopham passed away on 31st December 2007. Enquiries to Church, Bruce and Co Solicitors of Gravesend.

BELL-ROBINSON

Bernard Bell-Robinson of Walderslade died peacefully on 4th January 2008. Funeral service to be held in Medway Crematorium at 9.15am on 16th January.

BONE

David John Bone passed away peacefully at home on 2nd January. Husband to Bette, father to Andrew and Adrienne and gentle caring friend to many. Funeral 18th January 2008 at 2pm Medway Crematorium. Bright ties or rugby shirts and no flowers please.

DIVERS

Doreen Esther Divers of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 25th December 2007. A loving wife and mother who will be very sadly missed. Funeral service to be held at Barham Crematorium on Monday January 14th at 1.20.

DAVIS

Laurence Davis, beloved Son, Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle, died 12th December 2007. Greatly missed but remembered with love.

DOBSON

Elsie DOBSON of Capel-Le -Ferne passed away peacefully after a short illness on 5th January 2008 aged 79. Enquiries to Chittendens Funeral Directors of Hythe.

ELCOMB

Alan Elcomb of Maidstone passed away on 4th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Service, Maidstone 01622 754663.

EVANS

Audrey Evans of Northfleet passed away peacefully on 26th December 2007 aged 44 greatly missed by her husband, children, family and friends.

JONES

Harry Jones of Paddock Wood, formerly of Scip, passed away on 28th December 2007 aged 76 years.

LAURENCE

Gordon Laurence of Dartford died peacefully on 5th January 2008. Funeral service at Crayford Baptist Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 24th January.

LAZENBY

Peter of Woodnesborough passed away peacefully after a short illness on the 29th December 2007. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at 3.20pm on 18th January 2008. Family flowers only.

LIGHT

Audrey of Otford Sevenoaks died peacefully on 6/1/2008. Funeral service at Kent and Sussex Crematorium at 11.00am on 23/01/2008.

LOFT

Graham Keith Loft passed away on 31st December 2007 after a long illness. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium at 1.40pm on Monday 14th January.

ROUND

Malcolm Round passed away in professional and caring company on 30th December 2007. Donations to Friends of Gavin Astor House, c/o A W Court Undertakers, Grafty Green.

SARE

Peter Jeffrey Sare of Ash passed away peacefully on 7th January 2007. A much loved Dad and Grandad who will be very sadly missed. Funeral to be held at Barham Crematorium on 23rd January at 10.40am. Family flowers only.

SEERS

Anthony Seers of Dover passed away on 2nd January 2008. Enquires to W J Farrier and Son Ltd 01304 201665.

SOLOMONS

Florence Vera Solomons of Birchington passed away on 23rd December 2007. Funeral enquiries to Gore Brothers Ltd, Margate, 01843 223534.

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Director moves on to land new role

A FORMER director of KOS Media is taking on a new role in the property world.

Sue Taylor – who was an associate director at KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper – left the operation at the end of last year and is now working for RPC Land and New Homes in Maidstone, as the company's new homes director.



She said: "I am delighted to be joining RPC as I have always had a passion for new homes."

"Having also worked extensively in property publishing in Kent and the South East, I have a good knowledge of the market as well as experience of working alongside many developers in the region."

RPC Land and New Homes has offices in Ashford, Tonbridge, Dartford, Maidstone and Chatham, as well as Haywards Heath in Sussex.

RPS's managing director Peter Randall: "The appointment of Sue is an important one for us and we are pleased to be able to bring someone with her property-related background and experience to enhance our already talented new homes division."

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Halifax chief economist Martin Ellis said: "The South East and South West have been the most popular destinations for people to move to from elsewhere in the UK over the past decade."

However, Halifax also found that this area had the second highest number of people leaving to live in another part of the country.

Overall, the research showed the South East experienced a net gain from internal migration of 384,000 people, the second highest of the 12 UK regions.

Data was sourced from 2007 population trends, local authorities, the Halifax House Price Index and the nine Government office regions of England.



REACHING FOR THE SKY: Some builders will look to keep their developments carbon-neutral by investing in renewable energy projects such as wind farms

High hopes for greener future of new homes

■ BY NICK AMES

LOW-CARBON homes are the way forward in property as developers and consumers embrace the role they have to play in climate change, according to a regeneration expert.

David Edwards, regional director for the southern region of national regeneration agency English Partnerships, spoke out about what he sees as a vital step in moving to an eco-friendly strategy for new homes.

He said: "It has been very encouraging to see the response from developers and house-builders in devising ways that households can reduce their carbon footprint."

"The Carbon Challenge seeks to speed up the house-building industry's response to climate change and has generated much interest from developers, who are keen to be involved."

"English Partnerships has no shortage of

developers and public sector partners who want to work with us to provide this sort of housing.

"Equally, there is enthusiasm and strong demand for such homes from consumers who want environmentally efficient, comfortable and affordable homes."

In line with the Government's directive that by 2016 all new homes will be built to zero-carbon requirements, English Partnerships is taking the lead in developing the methods to help make this possible.

These homes feature the highest levels of insulation, air tightness, heat recovery systems, whole-house ventilation and low-energy lighting.

With more than 30 per cent of these homes being allocated to affordable and first-home buyers, the scheme will introduce a new gen-

eration of home-owners to environmentally responsible living.

The level of environmental criteria required for new homes will be steadily increased by English Partnerships on its sites over the coming years towards Code Level 6, or zero-carbon by 2013 – three years ahead of the Government's mandate.

In addition, Mr Edwards spoke of low and zero-carbon housing being an important element in developing sustainable communities and attracting environmentally aware house buyers.

He said such communities would thrive where there was a balanced mix of affordable homes, a range of social and employment infrastructure opportunities, integrated transport and design opportunities, and quality neighbourhood management.

He said: "Working with the house-building industry we want to make zero-carbon housing the standard well ahead of 2016."

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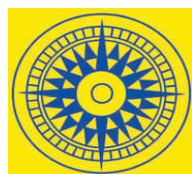
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MOTORS NEWS



Reborn Cinquecento finally takes its bow

FIAT dealers across Kent launch the eagerly awaited Fiat 500 on Monday.

The new city car, with looks echoing a past Cinquecento, is designed to take on BMW's Mini in the style and image stakes and has already stormed the Continent on the sales front and been voted European Car of the Year 2008.

Unlike the premium price Mini, Fiat has also been able to offer the 500 aggressively from just £7,900 by using the successful Panda platform and there will be a hot Abarth version later in the year to go toe to toe with the Mini's Cooper S performance flagship.



Rocketship 'R' gets a cheaper shuttle model

HONDA has a stylish new cut-price SE+ alternative to its eye-catching Civic Type-R hot hatchback.

We had fun road testing the 'R' for our online Motors TV – see Star Drive: an 'engaging' look at the futuristic Honda Civic Type-R' at www.carsforkent.co.uk – but fans can buy the £17,600 Type-R look for much less.

The new SE+ has a premium spec including 16-inch alloys, skirts and spoiler and a lively yet frugal 1.4-litre petrol engine rather than the Type-R's turbocharged 2.0 unit and costs £14,900.



Supersized carriers

PEUGEOT and Citroën dealers welcome upgraded versions of the twin French marques' supersize people carriers, the 807 and C8 ranges.

Not only have both vehicles gained visual tweaks, but they are also now available in flagship trim with the sporting 2.2-litre twin-turbo HDi 170 engine already seen in some sister models.

The new 170bhp low emission engine option is available with an adaptive six-speed 'Porsche Tiptronic System' automatic transmission. New Peugeot 807 and Citroën C8 ranges start at £19,695.



WAY TO GO: Material and quality levels are impressive in Hyundai's i30 and with a five-year warranty it will be extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals

Hyundai 'i' jinks is sure to make a big impact

COMPUTER geeks at Apple must have thought that their stylish iMac computer and phenomenally successful iPod player had granted ownership of the letter 'i'.

But Korea's biggest car maker Hyundai – a brand in need of an image injection – has hijacked 'the vowel that wowed the world' and applied it to, not just one car, but a whole range of 'i' models – five arriving over two years.

Before you ask – iPod/MP3 player 'connectivity' comes as standard on the debut i30 model tested here and shows a fair bit of thought went into the installation, with iPod/MP3 jacks in the centre console armrest with a neat 'pocket' to hold the player securely rather than floating around in a glovebox or loose in the car.

This attention to detail highlights Hyundai's care in presenting the i30 to a competitive and crowded family hatchback sector that includes its half sister, the Kia Ceed.

Like the Ceed, the i30 majors on its 'designed and built for Europe' origins and the material and quality levels are impressive.

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI i30

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
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There is a lot of the Ceed about the roomy interior – no bad thing as the Kia impressed market watchers and scared rival European manufacturers on arrival.

Predictably, it also feels much like the Ceed on road; a decent all-rounder in which responsive handling is balanced by ride quality and comfort. It is not the greatest drive, but is certainly not dull.

As ever with Korean marques, the car also comes generously equipped as standard: steering wheel mounted audio controls for the six-speaker system, alloys, heated door mirrors, front fog lights, glove box cooler, air con, luggage net and hook in boot, seatbelt warning and traction control are included.

This combines with pricing and the famous Hyundai five-year warranty to make it extremely competitive against Ford Focus class rivals.

Hyundai expects to sell more 1.4-litre petrol i30s to customers attracted by the £10,995 lead-in price, but the 1.6-litre is tempting too while the 1.6 diesel is the pick for smoothness plus performance with economy and a sporting 2.0 diesel option was also added recently.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

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NISSAN MICRA



IN a market sector where most rivals look the same, Nissan deserves praise for the unique looks of the latest Micra. And they don't signal style triumphing over substance either, because the British-built three and five-door Micra range has the reliability of its predecessor plus decent space, attractive interior looks and durability and good driving manners and grip. It also has a further ace up its sleeve in the form of perky turbodiesels from the Japanese marque's owner, Renault.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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PEUGEOT 206



PEUGEOT'S 206 has been around a while, but it is a tribute to the car's chic styling and all-round verve that it still sells strongly new despite being superseded by the 207. Volumes for Peugeot's all-time best-seller have also been boosted by many variants including three and five-door hatchbacks and the eye-catching folding roof CC or coupé convertible and voluminous SW (estate). Along with great diesel engine options, this gives used car buyers a great range of choice.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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VW POLO



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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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AUGUSTINE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months) £17,651 to £19,264 per annum

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Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

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For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

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Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the above reference. No agencies.

Closing date: 1 February 2008.



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**CONTRACTS MANAGER
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Ref: 00907/K3

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Hours: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Start: ASAP

It is preferred that applicants should have previous experience of working in a school office and in using the SIMS FMS6 finance system otherwise the applicant must have the ability to quickly become proficient in the school's financial systems following training.

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Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points 7-11
£13,619 - £15,440 (£6,696 - £7,591 pro-rata)
20 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)
Hours: 12:30 - 4:30pm
Start: ASAP

The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment.

For more information or to request an application pack for either position, please contact Tanya Neil our Office Manager.

Closing date: Friday 18th January 2008

Interviews:

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Events Officer

Salary Level 5 £20,674 - £22,776 37 hours per week
Post Ref: 08/11/KOS

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to take responsibility for the development of the college's internal and commercial events programme. You will establish and manage the events strategy for the college's new £50 million city centre campus including conferencing facilities, as part of the active Business Development Team. The strategy you implement will require close working with the college's marketing and communications team as well as close work with the college's faculties in support of the college's overall strategic aims.

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You will have broad experience of pitching for, planning and delivering high quality events including awards ceremonies, conferences, bespoke meetings and exhibitions. You will understand the marketing and communications value of events and have an innovative commercial attitude.

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Seminar will help you make the most of Brazil

COMPANIES across the county have been urged to take advantage of the new opportunities for trade with Brazil.

The country has a fast-expanding industrial base and growing middle-class consumer economy.

Businesses can find out more at a seminar organised by UK Trade & Investment South East. Winning Business in Brazil is at the Hilton Hotel in Cobham, Surrey, on Wednesday February 20, from 9.30am-2.30pm.

Tickets are £50 plus VAT. For details, you can visit www.uktisoutheast.com/winningbusiness, or call 08454 586400.

New package aims to launch you off piste

GROUP ski holidays hosted by professional instructors have been launched by Realli-Ski of Canterbury.

They offer tuition from simulator to slope with a package for all abilities.

Running throughout the season, an expert Realli-Ski instructor will be taking groups to the snow-sure resort of Solden for a relaxing but invigorating five-day break. Prices start from £699 and include a pre-holiday ski course.

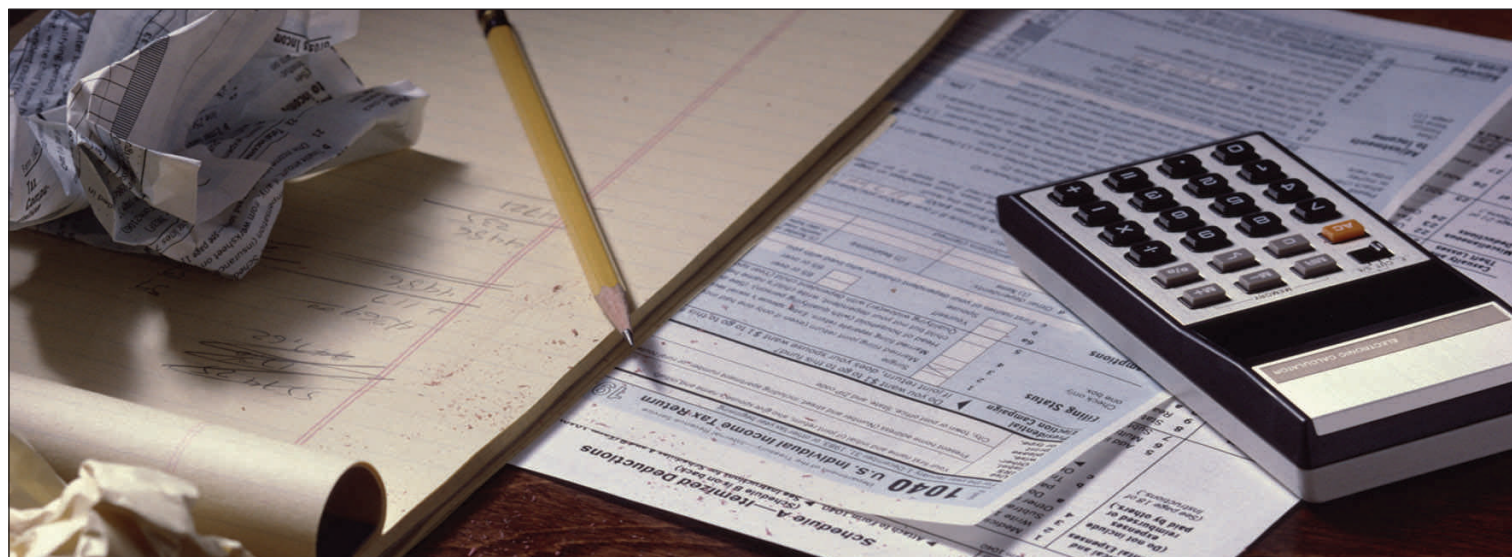
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Fund analysts look to Russia to make money

EMERGING capital markets such as Russia are likely to be among top performers in 2008, according to online fund analyst Moneyspider.com, and it says corporate bonds will make a comeback as shares in other sectors falter.

But it is Russia, with its cheaper stocks, more open market and emphasis on commodity stocks that may well reward Isa investors this year, predicts Moneyspider.com's Tony Ahearne.

"We anticipate more of the smarter Isa money will be winging its way into funds like Neptune Russia and Greater Russia, but it should be remembered that these are higher-risk funds and not for everyone."



DEADLINE LOOMS: Organise yourself, check everything and, if possible, file online. Failing that, try not to panic and take a coffee break when the numbers get too much

Return your details for a life less taxing

■ BY TONY PATEY

If your tax return is not with the tax people on Friday, February 1, you get hammered with a straight £100 penalty.

Also, you will attract annual interest of 7.5 per cent, accruing on a daily basis, on the amount you work out you owe.

If, by some chance, you still haven't paid your tax by Thursday, February 28, you'll get a straight five per cent surcharge on what you owe, on top of everything else.

By the way, those paying on what is called "payments by account" will need to pay half by Thursday, January 31, and half by Thursday, July 31.

But if you're still dithering over self-assessment, here are a few tips from the tax people to escape the horrors.

- Get organised. Before you get started, gather together all your statements, invoices, receipts, records of expenses and other paperwork for the tax year.

- File online. If you file online, your tax calculations are done automatically, so you will find out straightaway how much you owe or, even better, if you are owed a refund.

- Check your figures. It might sound obvious, but double-check your figures before including them on your return. This will save you having to make any amendments once you've submitted your return.

- Don't recycle the paper just yet. All records of information used to complete tax returns must be kept for 22 months after the end of the tax year. For those carrying on a business, or who have an income from letting out property, this increases to five years, 10 months.

- Try not to leave it to the last minute.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help and don't panic. If you get stuck, make yourself a cup of coffee, sit down and visit www.hmrc.gov.uk, or simply phone the self-assessment helpline on 0845 900 0444 if you can't find the answer to your question. It's open from 8am to 8pm seven days a week and calls are charged at local rates.



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Michael cools on promotion

DEAL and Betteshanger coach Martyn Michael believes his side will have to work even harder if they are to catch run away London South East 3 leaders Gravesend.

The Lions' promotions hopes suffered a blow with a 21-7 defeat at the hands of Chichester ten days ago, the club's second straight defeat in the league.

Michael said: "Gravesend have been very impressive – they are the team to catch now. The defeat against Chichester was disappointing, but two young players from the youth team did very well."

Deal & Betteshanger face Eastbourne this Saturday.

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New signing Craig Rocastle talks about why he chose to join to Gillingham

Coleman looks to gain GB vest

DOVER-BASED runner Michael Coleman is hoping 2008 will bring him a much coveted place in the British squad after clinching his fifth Kent Cross Country Championship earlier this month.

Coleman blitzed the 12,400m Detling Showground course in a time of 40 minutes 12 seconds. He has already set his sights on becoming the only man to win it an unprecedented six times.

The ultimate goal for Coleman is to finally achieve a place in the nine-man national squad and compete in the pinnacle of cross country – the world championships.

The trials for the world event at Edinburgh begin on March 15 in Nottingham and Coleman hopes to reproduce his form to gain a team place.

He said: "I have made the British reserve team in the past, but I would love to represent my country at the World Cross Country Championships. I believe I do not have far to go to get there."



Picture SIMON HARRIS

DRAWING BLANK: Dover Athletic will have to catch Tooting and Mitcham after dropping points in a draw against relegation-threatened Eastbourne Town at Crabble

Complacency is Hess's only worry for Whites

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 0 Eastbourne Town 0

hand on the league leaders Tooting and Mitcham.

Athletic are now 13 games unbeaten, a run which spans four months and Hessenthaler feels only complacency will cause them to lose in the remaining games of the season.

The Whites have only lost once so far in this season's campaign, a 1-0 defeat against lowly Chatham Town in October.

Hessenthaler said: "I think complacency creeping in is the only way we will lose this season. To some extent I think that was one of the reasons why we lost against Chatham earlier this season."

The Dover boss has been dealt a blow ahead of an important month for the Whites with cen-

tral defenders Sam Gore and Craig Wilkins ruled out with injuries.

He said: "They will be out for about three or four weeks which will really hurt our defence."

"However, this does give a chance for James Rodgers to come back in the starting line-up. He began the season in the team, but with Matt Fish doing well he lost his place."

Last week the Whites manager made his first return to his former club Gillingham since taking over at Dover.

He was awarded the title of greatest ever Gillingham player, but he has assured fans he has no plans to leave Dover in the near future.

He added: "It was nice to go back to Gillingham last week."

"The club will always have a place in my heart after my ten years at Priestfield."

"They are still the first club I look for when the football results come in."

"However, I am really enjoying my time at Dover at the moment. I am focused on bringing this club where it should be."

DOVER Athletic manager Andy Hessenthaler was left disappointed after his side were held to a goalless draw at Crabble by struggling Eastbourne Town.

A combination of Eastbourne's dogged defending and poor finishing cost Dover from achieving a win to regain top spot in Ryman Division One South.

The best chance in the first half for Dover fell to Lee Browning, but his near post header went wide.

In the second half, the Whites piled on the pressure, but could not break the deadlock. Midway through the period Shaun Welford came close, but his shot went wide.

Title rivals Tooting and Mitcham United have extended their lead at the top of Ryman Division One South to two points after the Whites third draw in as many games.

Despite the draw, Dover have three games in

Picture IGOR KUPCO



CUP RUN: Dover's win in the Senior Vase put them three wins from the final at Twickenham

Sharks show 'heart and soul' to win

RUGBY

Dover 16 Diss 14

THE dream of a Twickenham appearance is still alive for Dover, who moved into the last 16 of the Senior Vase with a narrow win against Diss.

The hosts were missing Dale Tonks and Gus Surendorff after injuries sustained in the previous game, and with 'Trigger' Davison and Jim Byrne also ruled out, the match was always going to be tough for the Sharks.

Diss are renowned in their league for being a dominant forward team and their game plan was no different during this encounter.

The Norfolk team had the advantage of the slope in the first half and although Dover started brightly, it was not long before the visiting

forwards showed their strength.

They moved ahead with a penalty try, but the hosts defended superbly and kept them at bay for the rest of the half.

Martyn Beaumont slotted a penalty for the home side before the break and playing with the slope in the second half, the Sharks began to dictate play.

Beaumont reduced the deficit further, but a second penalty try for the visitors put them eight points clear.

Dover refused to be beaten and

Ben Sedgwick sprinted over to bring the hosts back into the game.

A Lee Tonks try put them in front for the first time and Dover fought off a last-gasp push from Diss to secure a memorable victory.

Dover's senior coach Graham Tonks was delighted with his players' efforts.

He said: "I must thank the guys who stood in for the injured and missing players."

"Their efforts were superb in trying and difficult circumstances. The heart and soul shown by all was a credit to the club."

The Sharks play Old Dunstonians on Saturday as they go in search of a sixth successive league win.

Ref's decision not to Cugley's liking

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

FOLKESTONE Invicta boss Neil Cugley branded the referee's decision to postpone his side's match at Billericay Town an hour before kick-off as "terrible".

The visitors had already arrived in Essex and according to Cugley the pitch had stood up well to the heavy rain the day before the game.

He said: "There was one little bad patch on the pitch – it was a terrible decision. There was no way it should have been called off.

"It is disappointing because we had made the journey and wanted to play."

The postponement temporarily halted Invicta's momentum, which had been built up with three wins in five games.

It is their best run of results for two months, easing the team's relegation fears.

All three wins have come at home, but they face a stiff challenge to keep the run going, with AFC Wimbledon the visitors to the Buzzlines Stadium this weekend.

Massive

The south Londoners have won their last five matches, taking them into a play-off position in the Ryman Premier. The best-supported club in the division, AFC are expected to bring hundreds of fans to Folkestone, who are expecting a gate of around 1,000.

Cugley said: "It is a massive game, they are a really good side. We are all looking forward to it, as a player or a manager you really enjoy these games."

Folkestone will be strengthened at the back for the match by Gillingham youngster Tom Bryant, who joined for a third month on loan at the Buzzlines. The 18-year-old briefly rejoined Gills last week, but was sent back to Folkestone to gain more match experience.



Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

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UNHAPPY: Folkestone Invicta manager Neil Cugley was frustrated his side's game at Billericay Town was called off

Fisk happy despite dropping points



LAST-GASP EQUALISER: Hythe Town dropped points at the weekend, but have three games in hand on Kent Premier Division league leaders VCD Athletic

A GAVIN Ransley strike in the dying minutes salvaged a point for promotion hunters Hythe Town at The Reachfields Stadium.

The first half was a tight encounter with few chances as both teams settled into the fixture.

Thamesmead were the early pace setters in the Kent Premier League, but have dropped to third following the 1-1 draw.

The game opened up after the interval and the visitors took the lead with a goal from Curtis Williams.

Thamesmead thought they had done enough to secure the three points, but with two minutes of normal time left Ransley's effort found the back of the net.

Manager Paul Fisk was happy to come away with a point and he believes his side still has a lot to play for.

Fisk said: "We didn't play particularly well in the first half.

"Thamesmead are a strong side and they really tested us.

At the end of the day we were

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 1 Thamesmead Town 1

quite happy to come away with a draw. The last four or five games we really have not played to our potential.

"Both teams were equally matched and I thought we did well to come back after they scored in the second half.

"In a way the draw is a good result because they are one of the best teams in this league."

"We do still have three games in hand and there is still a lot to play for.

"VCD have pulled away slightly, but I think that when we hit good form again we will be contenders for the league."

Hythe Town are in action against Slade Green this Saturday and will hope to keep the pressure on league leaders VCD Athletic.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Jones turns on the style to give Town three points

THREE first half goals helped Deal Town secure a 3-2 win against Herne Bay at The Charles Ground.

Derek Hares' side opened the scoring on 15 minutes with a strike from Roy Godden and minutes later Marc Pollard doubled the lead.

Bay hit back, but Lee Jones scored a great individual goal six minutes before the break to make it 3-1.

The visitors dominated the second half and scored a second in the dying minutes, but the Town defence held out for the win.

Crowborough tough nut for Folkestone to break

FOLKESTONE RFC are hoping to bounce back from a disappointing defeat to Beccehamians when they face in-form Crowborough this Saturday.

In their last league match two weeks ago Folkestone fell to a four-point defeat at the hands of third-placed Beccehamians.

However, after a week's break Folkestone will hope to be firing on all cylinders when they take on Crowborough.

A win for Folkestone could see them rise to fifth in London South East 4.

Dover pair get call-up to represent under-16s

TALENTED teenagers Callum Crutchfield and Josh Bryant have been selected to represent Kent in the county's under-16s football team.

Both play for Dover Athletic's youth team and were called up to the squad last week ahead of the first competition of the year.

They will be in action for Kent today in the South East Counties Youth competition at Potters Bar Football Club.

The first match of the tournament will kick off at 7.15pm.

Bulls and Boars battling for top spot in league

BOARS Head Diamonds continued their 100 per cent winning run in the Dover Darts Invitational League with an 8-1 win against Phoenix A.

Bull A kept up the pressure on the league leaders with convincing 8-1 win against Seamans Mission.

They are just two points behind and face third-placed Archer A on Friday, who beat Bull B 5-4 in a tight encounter.

Boars Head Diamonds will hope to extend their lead at the top of the league with a victory against Seamans Mission.

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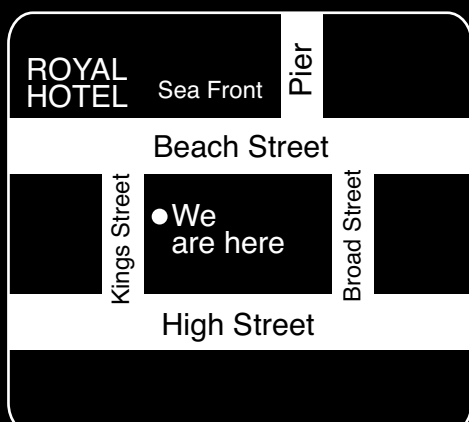
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